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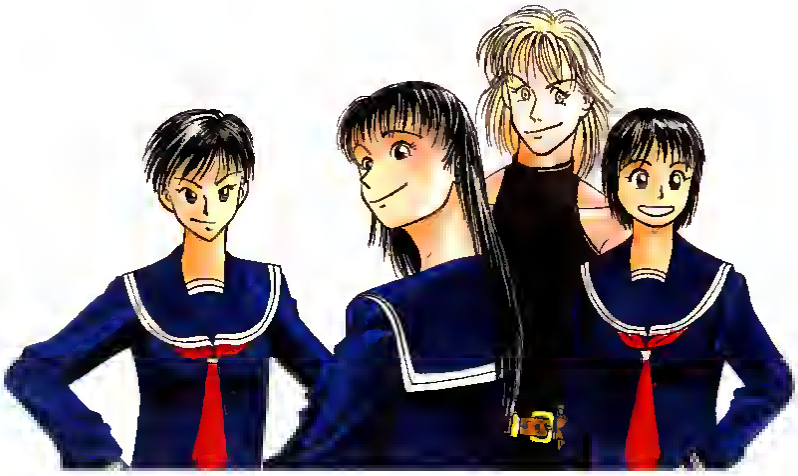

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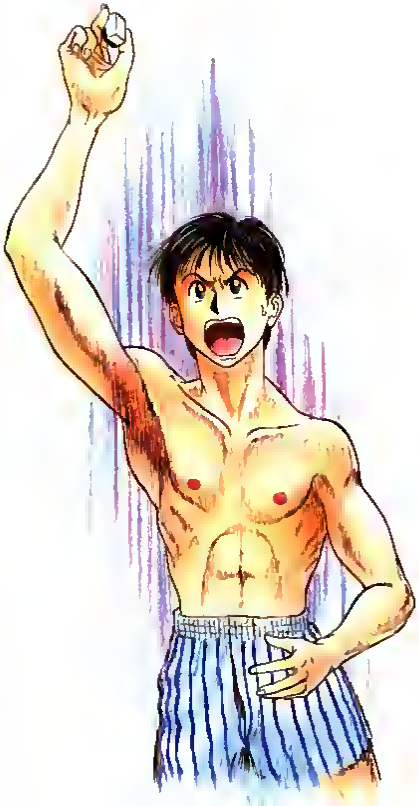

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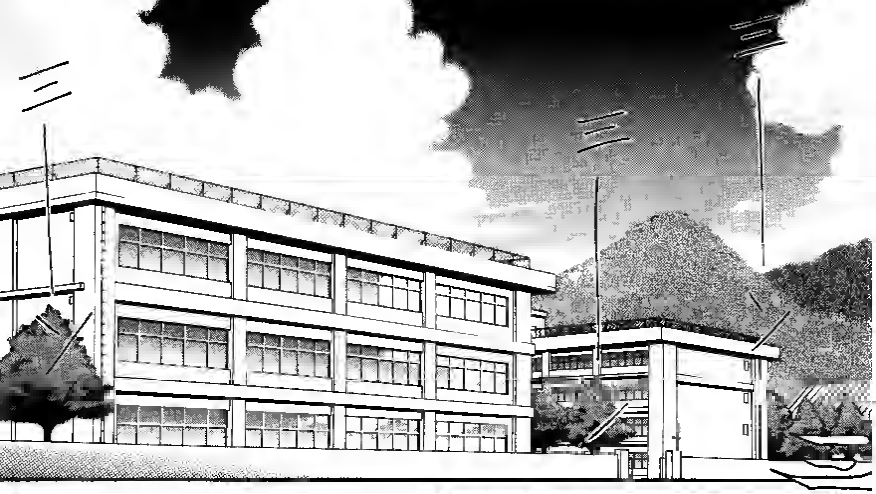

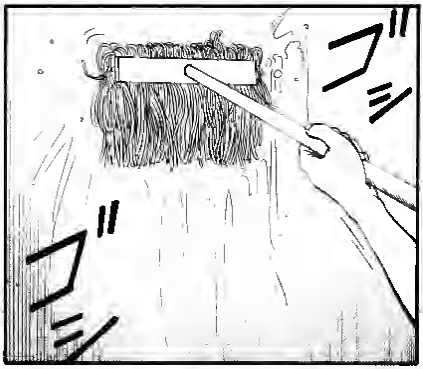

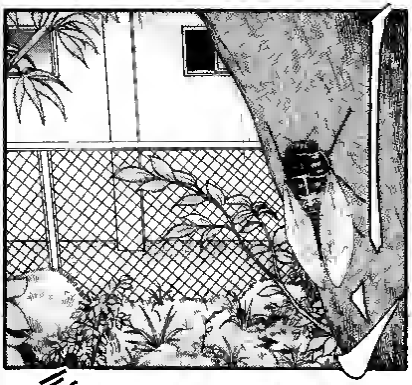

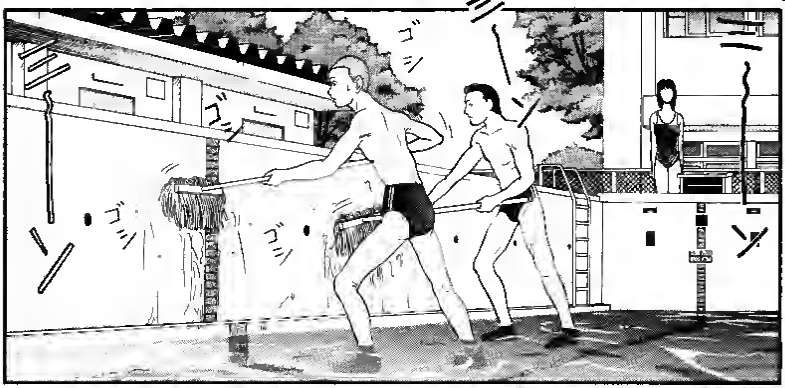

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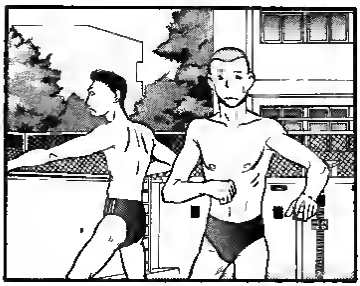
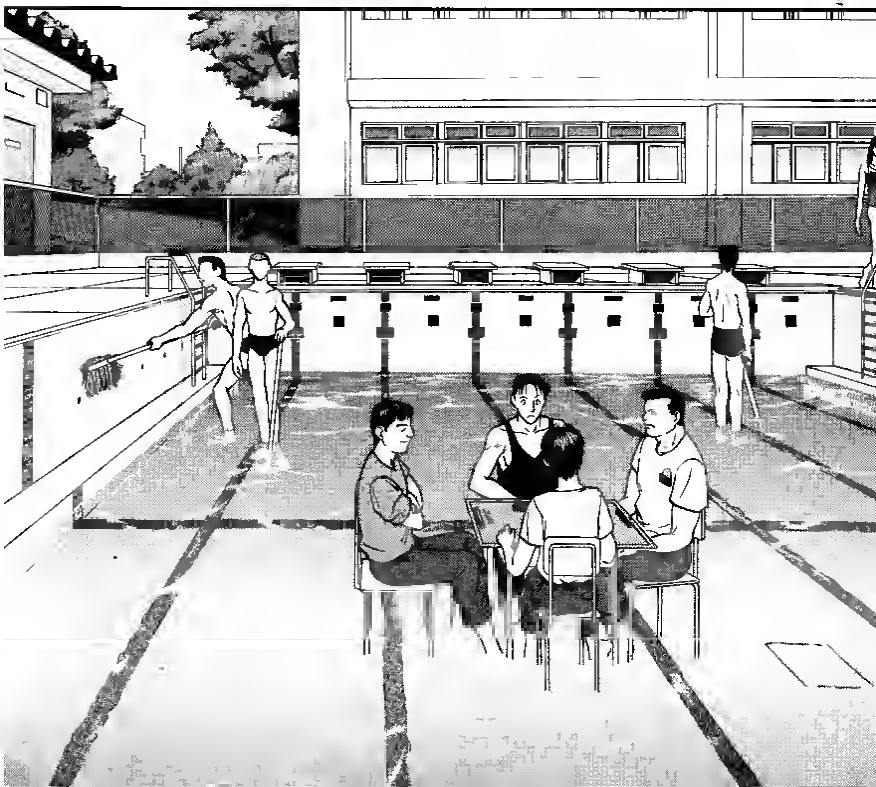
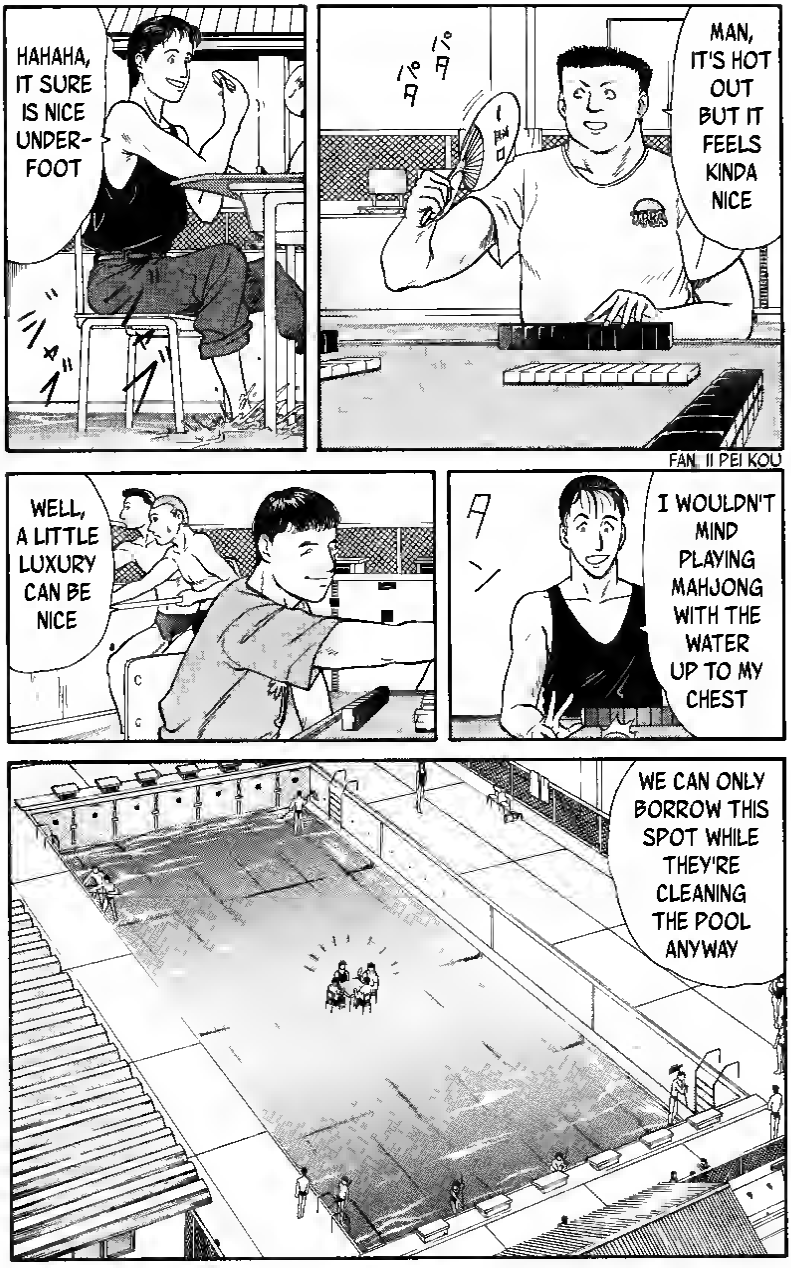
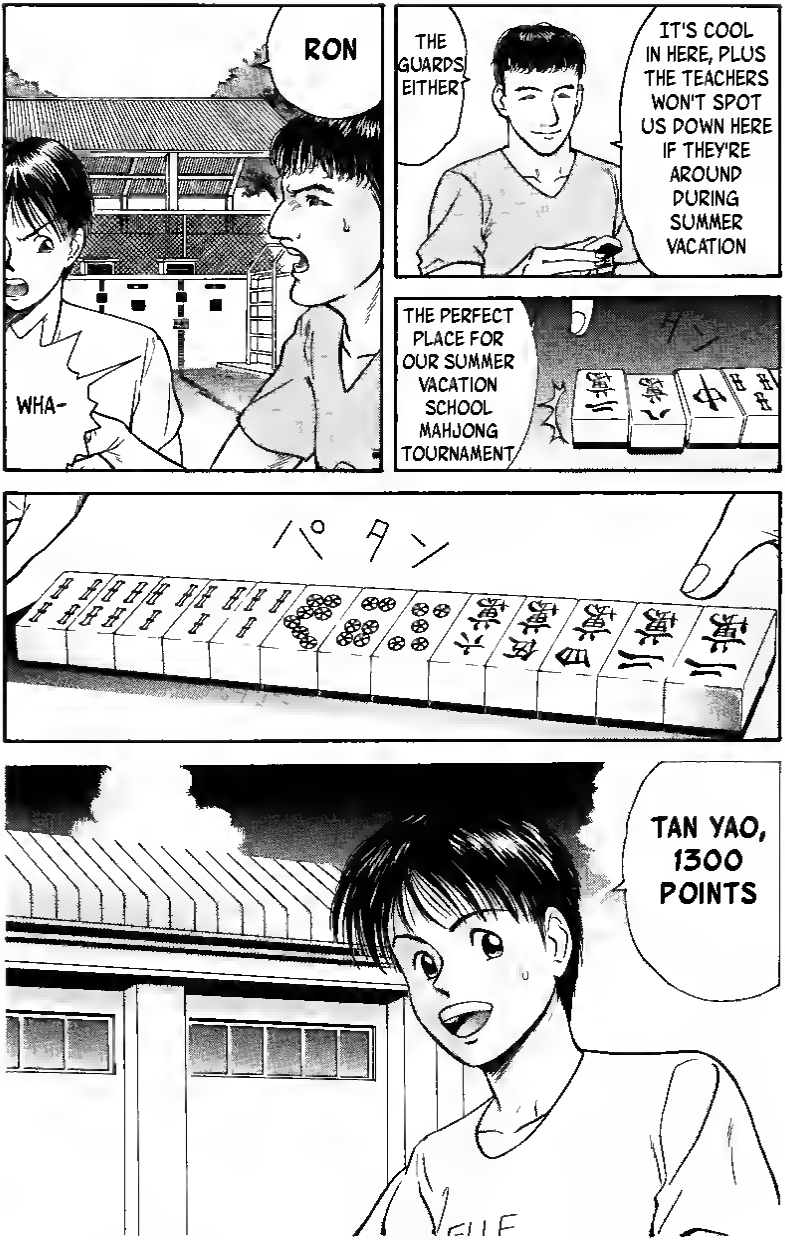
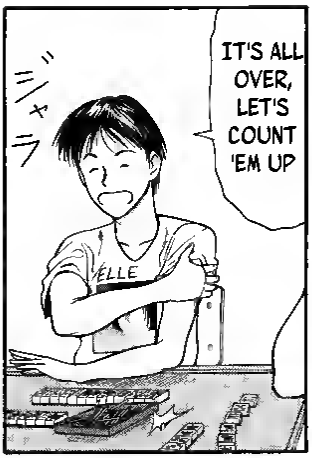




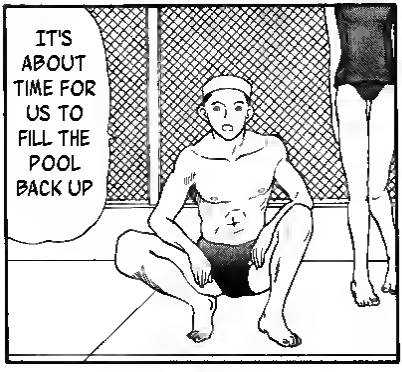

HAHAHA, IT SURE IS NICE UNDER-FOOT
MAN, IT'S HOT OUT BUT IT FEELS KINDA NICE
FAN, II PEI KOU
WELL, A LITTLE LUXURY CAN BE NICE
I WOULDN'T MIND PLAYING MAHJONG WITH THE WATER UP TO MY CHEST
WE CAN ONLY BORROW THIS SPOT WHILE THEY'RE CLEANING THE POOL ANYWAY

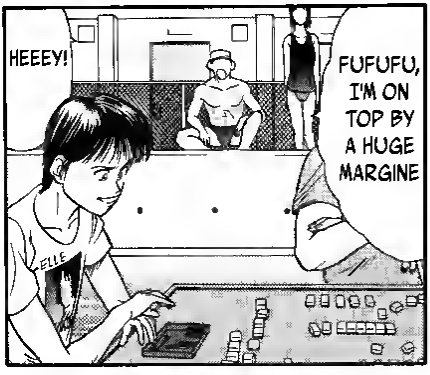

RON
WHA-
THE GUARDS EITHER
IT'S COOL IN HERE, PLUS THE TEACHERS WON'T SPOT US DOWN HERE IF THEY'RE AROUND DURING SUMMER VACATION
THE PERFECT PLACE FOR OUR SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL MAHJONG TOURNAMENT
パタン
TAN YAO, 1300 POINTS

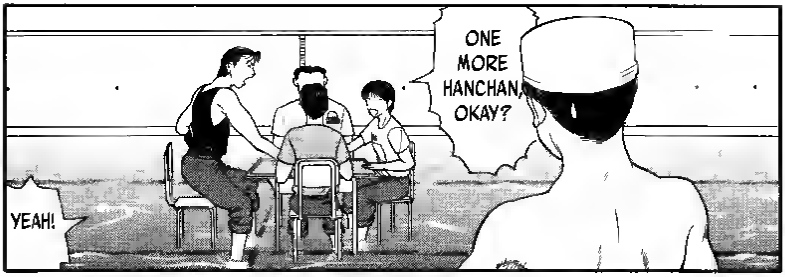
WELL, Y'KNOW
ELLE
AWW, SHOULDA EXPECTED THAT FROM THE JONG-PUTER ASAKURA
(MAHJONG + COMPUTER = JONG-PUTER)
ジャラ
ジャラ
ジャラ
ジャラ
ジャラ
NO NEED
TARO, THAT'S RON
RIICHI
OH, HERE WE GO
CUT IT OUT, TARO, IT'LL HURT YOUR SKIN, USE SOME LOOSE CHANGE
ピチャ
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY RIICHI STICKS... I GUESS A POOL CHLORINE PUCK'S NO GOOD



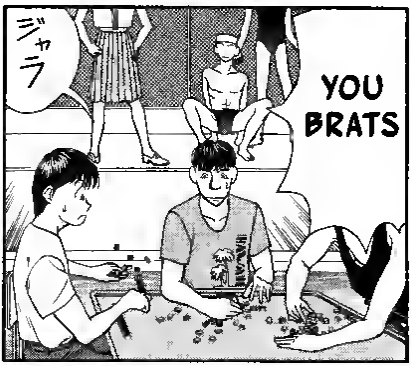
※ MANGAN: A TECHNIQUE POSSESSING THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF 2000 POINTS

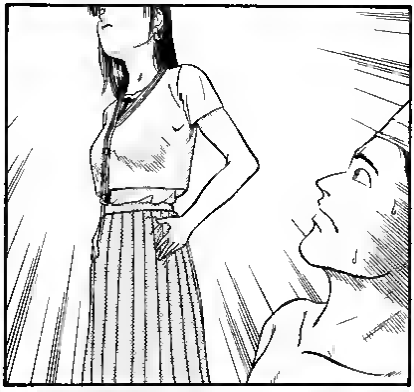




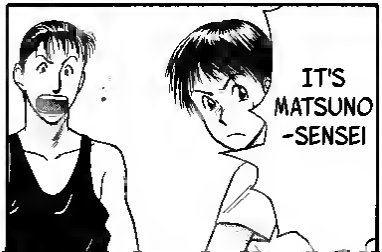

ONE MORE HANCHAN, OKAY?
YEAH!

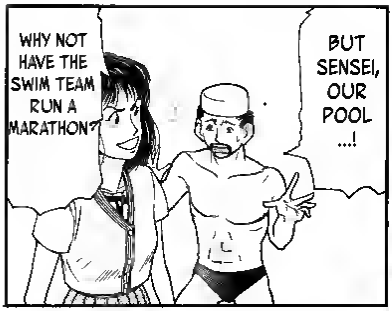
THE HELL ARE YOU DOIN' IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?


ジャラ
YOU BRATS

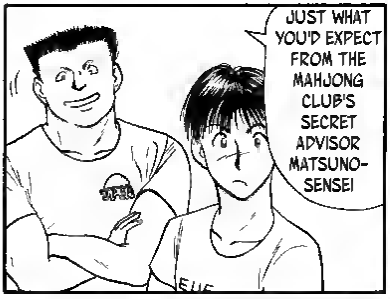


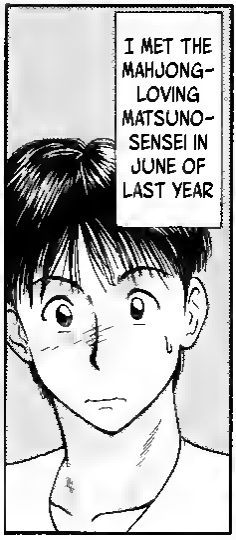
FER CHRISSAKE... A TABLE AND CHAIRS IN THE POOL...

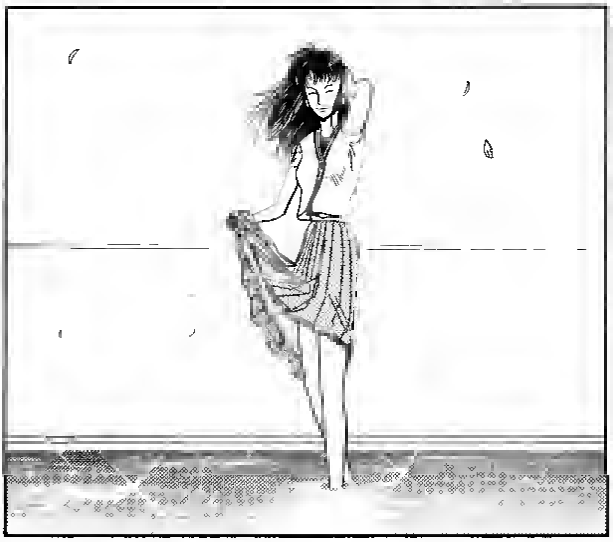

IT'S MATSUNO -SENSEI


WHY NOT HAVE THE SWIM TEAM RUN A MARATHON?
BUT SENSEI, OUR POOL ...!

ANYWAY, MAKE SOME ROOM FOR ME

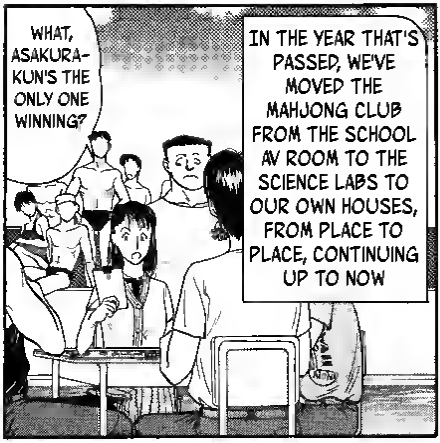

JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM THE MAHJONG CLUB'S SECRET ADVISOR MATSUNO-SENSEI

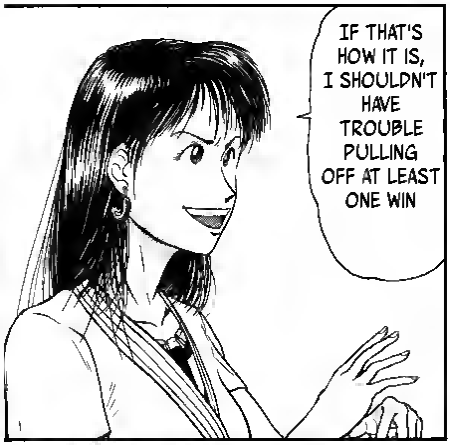

I MET THE MAHJONG-LOVING MATSUNO-SENSEI IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR



PAH
WHEN I WAS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT MATSUNO-SENSEI FOUND US PLAYING MAHJONG BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SNEAKING AROUND BEHIND THE SCHOOL TO PLAY MAHJONG? YOU'RE SO OUT-OF-PLACE!" SHE SAID
BAHAHA HAHAHA HAAAHAHA HAHA!

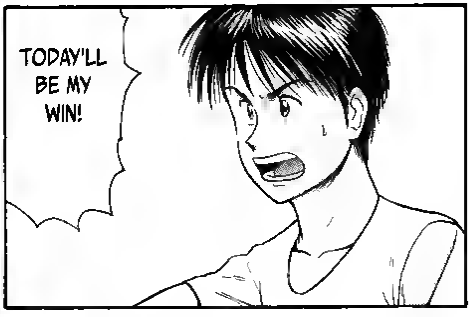
ASAKURA'S JUNK HAND ATTACK IS LIKE AN EXPLOSION
NATURALLY, KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM THE SCHOOL
HOW UNDISC-IPLINED


WHAT, ASAKURA-KUN'S THE ONLY ONE WINNING?
IN THE YEAR THAT'S PASSED, WE'VE MOVED THE MAHJONG CLUB FROM THE SCHOOL AV ROOM TO THE SCIENCE LABS TO OUR OWN HOUSES, FROM PLACE TO PLACE, CONTINUING UP TO NOW

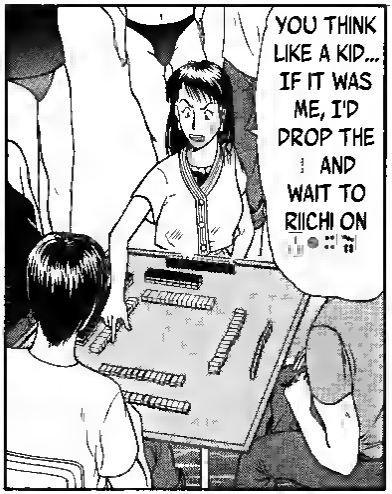

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, I SHOULDN'T HAVE TROUBLE PULLING OFF AT LEAST ONE WIN

TAN YAO AND PINFU ARE THE FOUNDATION OF MAHJONG
JUNK HANDS ARE RELIABLE
ELLE

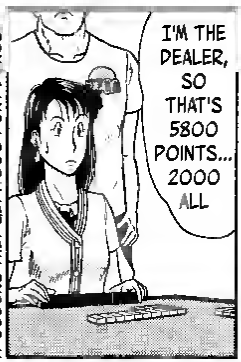
六萬
七萬


TODAY'LL BE MY WIN!

七萬
六萬
チャッ
タン
HUH
ELLE
!!
ELLE
RON, PINFU, 1000 POINTS



※WHEN THE DEALER WINS A ROUND, THEY HOLD THEIR POSITION AND THE FIRST TIME IT OCCURS THEY GET A 300 PONT BONUS



4400 POINTS

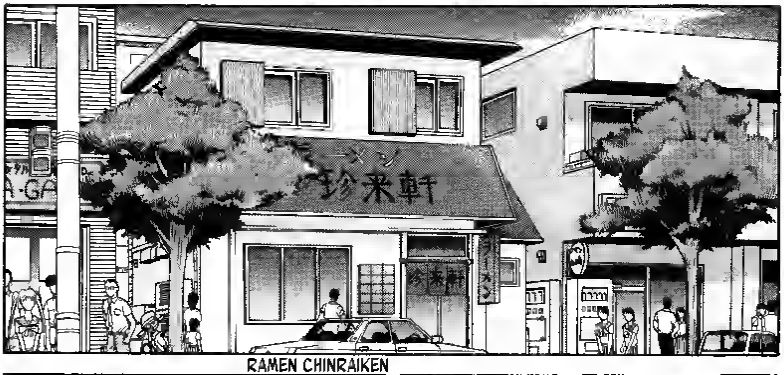
2700 POINTS

2400 POINTS

2600 POINTS

1800 POINTS

TSUMO
SUU
AN
KOU
32000
POINTS
MATSUNO
SENSEI
27100PTS
60900PTS
ASAKURA
50500PTS
33900PTS
PLUS
1800
YAKU
MAN
ELLE

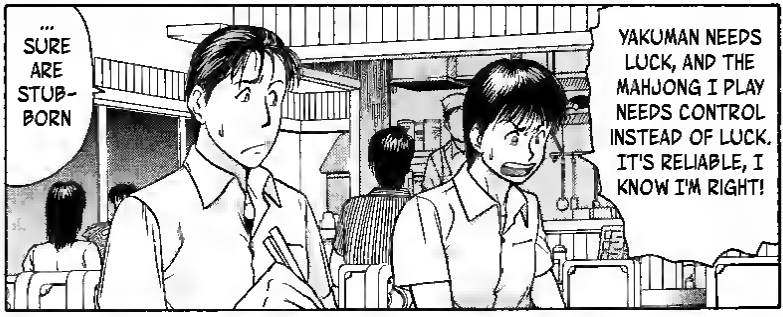


RAMEN CHINRAIKEN

I PLAY TO WIN! INVINCIBLE MAHJONG! IT'S NO MERE GAME!
TARO, YOU'RE TOTALLY GUTLESS, YOU DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT YOUR DISCARDS
DAMN THAT TEACHER... IT'S NOT JUST A LUCKY STREAK... YOU CAN'T MANAGE YAKUMAN WITH JUST LUCK...
WHAT'S IT MATTER IF YOU LOSE TO YOUR PRECIOUS MATSUNO-SENSEI ANYWAY
YOU SEE NOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CAN'T MANAGE A JUNK HAND IN JUST ONE ROUND
ASA-KURA
BUT ASAKURA, THAT'S IF YOU CAN'T GET YAKUMAN - IF YOU CAN, IT'S NO PROBLEM, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT MAHJONG'S ABOUT
SPEED IS THE LIFE OF MAHJONG! IF I TAKE YOUR TIME PUTTING TOGETHER A BIG HAND, SOMEONE'LL THROW SOMETHING TOGETHER QUICKER

BUT THERE'S STILL A PROBLEM WITH THAT, TARO
WHAT?

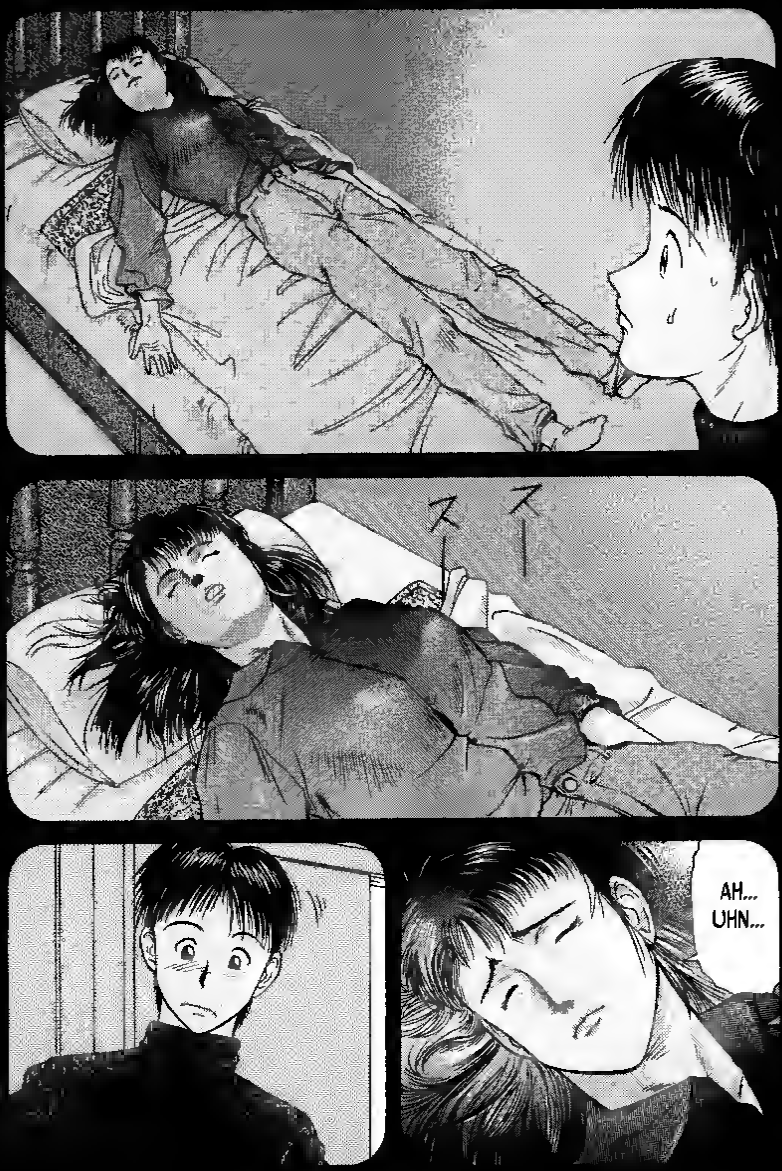
IF YOU PLAY MAHJONG, YOU HAVE TO AIM FOR YAKUMAN
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF US THAT'S NEVER GOT YAKUMAN. YAKUMAN'S EVERY 'JONG PLAYER'S DREAM!


... SURE ARE STUB-BORN
YAKUMAN NEEDS LUCK, AND THE MAHJONG I PLAY NEEDS CONTROL INSTEAD OF LUCK. IT'S RELIABLE, I KNOW I'M RIGHT!

ONE DAY I'LL BEAT HER

THAT REMINDS ME, WE PLAYED MAHJONG ALL NIGHT AT HER APARTMENT ONCE
M mouse
M mouse
くー
お ー ぐ

TIME FOR HANCHAN ROUND 23
SENSEI'S IN THE LEAD WITH 41000 POINTS...
OKAY, I'VE TALLIED THE SCORE - NEXT ROUND COME ON
WE HAVEN'T EVEN HIT HOUR 27 YET
C'MON, NO SLEEPING. WAKEY WAKEY
カラ
FINE, YOU COWARDS
BETTER SEE IF I CAN WAKE SENSEI


スー
スー
AH...
UHN...

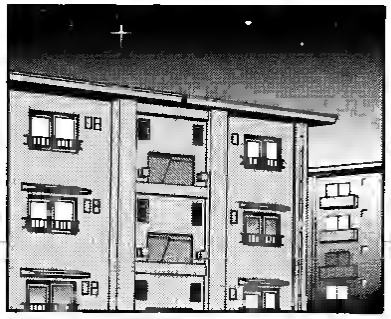
RON
AMAN
HUHHH, WOULDN'T MIND IF MATSUNO-SENSEI WAS JUST A LITTLE WEAKER WHEN IT COMES TO MAHJONG

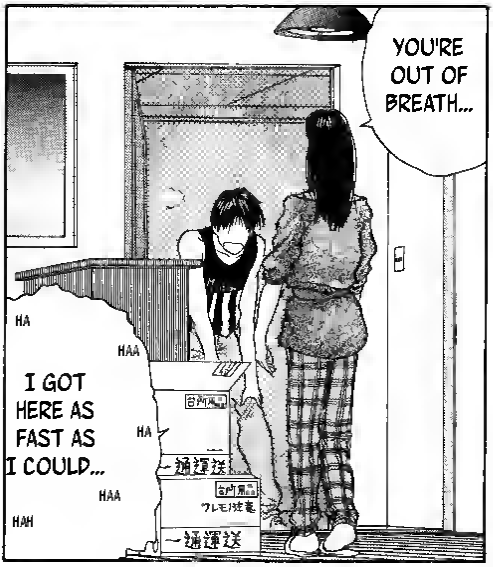
IT'S ME, WHAT'S UP?
PHONE CALL FROM TAKAGI-SAN
ONII-CHAAAN!
HM?
HUH, FROM
PROBABLY WANTS TO PLAY MAHJONG
ASAKURA, I'VE GOT BIG NEWS FOR YA
IF IT'S TODAY'S EXCHANGE RATE I'VE ALREADY HEARD
YOU DUMB-ASS
MATSUNO-SENSEI'S QUITTING TEACHING AND MOVING BACK HOME

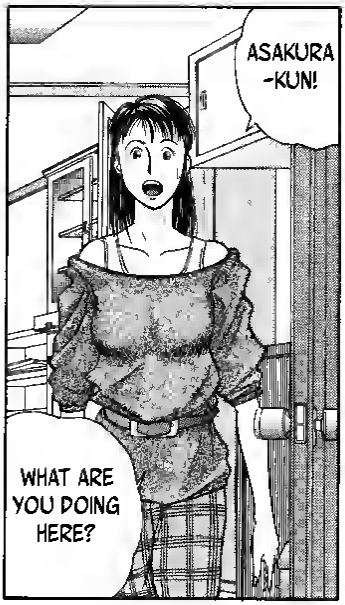
HAH
W- WHAT WAS THAT, YOU IDIOT...
ARE YOU SURE ...?
THAT'S WHAT MAGGIE SAID! ANYWAY, I FIGURED I SHOULD TELL Y-
I RAN INTO MAGGIE ON THE TRAIN AND HEARD IT FROM HIM, SHE QUIT AND WASN'T AT SCHOOL TODAY
WHAT? WHERE YA GOIN'?
NORIKO, I GOTTA GO

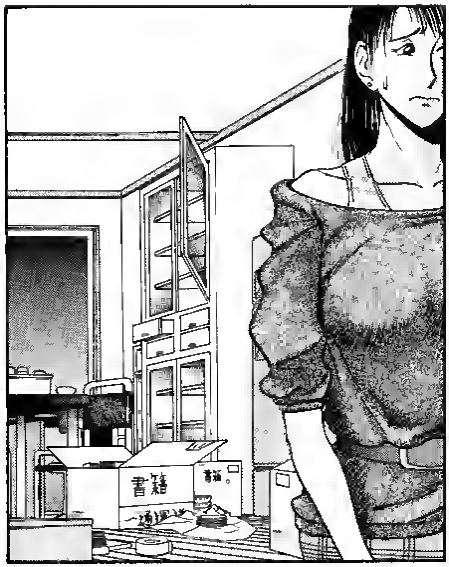
* MAGGIE SO CALLED BY CLASSMATES FOR HIS RESEMBLANCE TO MAGICIAN/ACTOR MAGGIE SHIROU.

TH-
THIS
ISN'T
FUNNY!

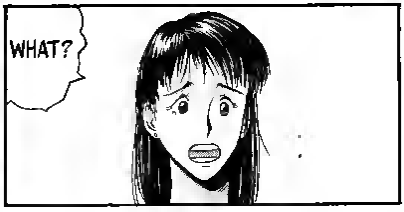



YOU'RE
OUT OF
BREATH...
HA
HAA
I GOT
HERE AS
FAST AS
I COULD...
HA
HAA
HAH


ASAKURA
-KUN!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?



SENSEI, ARE YOU REALLY QUITTING TEACHING?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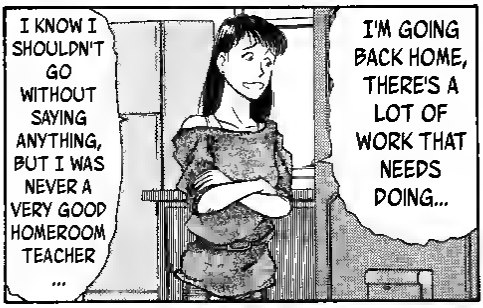
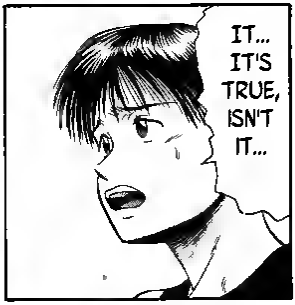
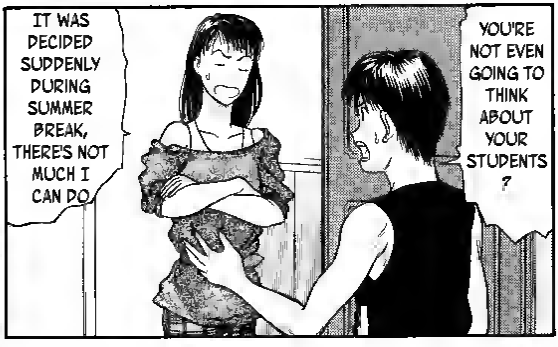

I KNOW I SHOULDN'T GO WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, BUT I WAS NEVER A VERY GOOD HOMEROOM TEACHER ...
I'M GOING BACK HOME, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS DOING...


IT... IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT...

... IT'S HARD FOR ME TOO ...


IT WAS DECIDED SUDDENLY DURING SUMMER BREAK, THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO THINK ABOUT YOUR STUDENTS ?

WELL I AIN'T GLAD!
BUT I'M GLAD I COULD PLAY MAHJONG WITH YOU GUYS ONE LAST TIME
W-WAIT A SECOND, ASA-KURA-KUN...
I WON'T ALLOW IT!
YOU'RE SO SELFISH ...
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW? I STILL HAVEN'T TAKEN A GAME OFF YOU!
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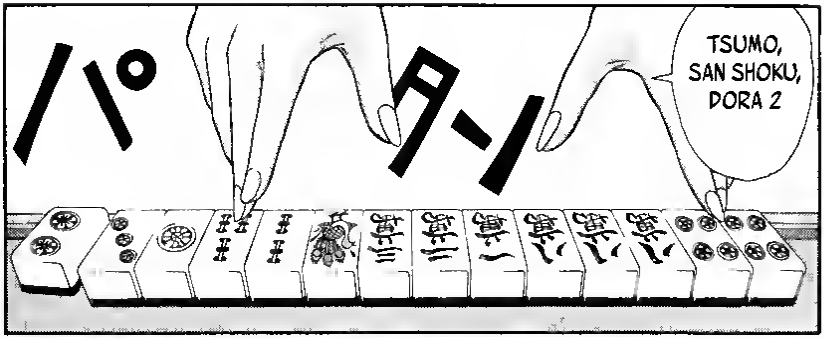
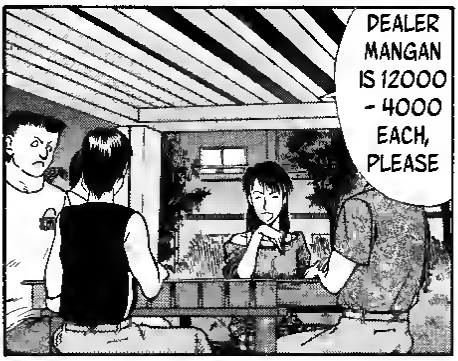
HUH?
GO OUT WITH ME
GET YOUR BUTT DOWN TO ASOU PARK, YEAH, AND TELL YOSHIMURA AND TARO TO COME TOO
YO, TAKAGI
DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE OUTDOOR MAHJONG SET
THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYONE FROM THE MAHJONG CLUB, YEAH, RIGHT NOW

THUS BEGAN THE FAREWELL TO MATSUNO-SENSEI STARRY SKY MAHJONG TOURNAMENT IN ASOU PARK
THE SHOWNDOWN IS ONE HANCHAN SESSION STARTING WITH MATSUNO-SENSEI AS THE DEALER
SENSEI, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU IF YOU JUST QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD

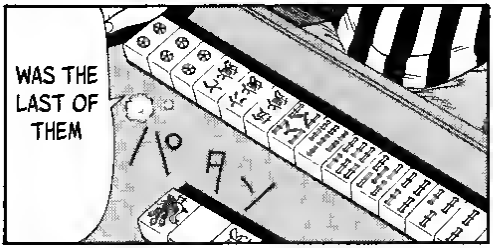
THAT'S 1300 POINTS.※
BUT IF I DISCARD AND GET TAN YAO IT'S A THREE-SIDED WAIT ...
OKAY, IF I DISCARD AND CAN GET A I'LL BE ABLE TO SWING PINFU FOR 3900 POINTS...
M house
※ A HIGHLY EXPERIENCED MAHJONG PLAYER MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TILES WITHOUT LOOKING BY READING WITH THEIR FINGERTIPS
!!
SENSEI MIGHT BE IN TENPAI, BUT THIS SHOULD BE A SAFE TILE
TSUMO
M house

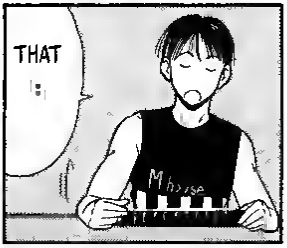

TSUMO, SAN SHOKU, DORA 2

YOUR HAND IS ALWAYS SOMETHING BIG
WELL YEAH


DEALER MANGAN IS 12000 - 4000 EACH, PLEASE

DON'T YOU MEAN MY TALENT?
SENSEI, YOUR LUCK IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE


WAS THE LAST OF THEM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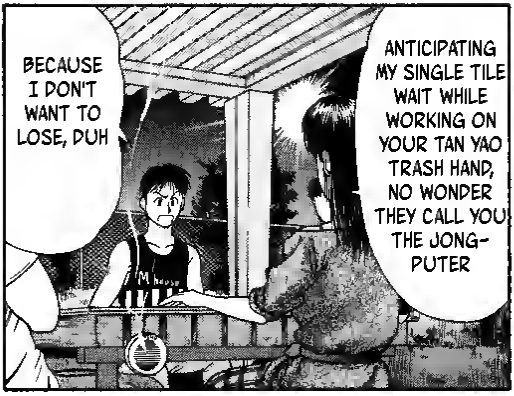
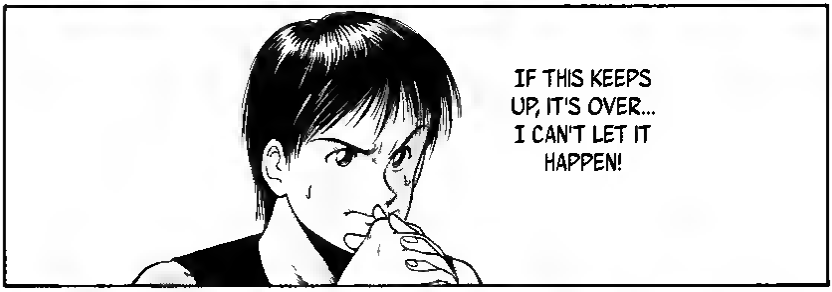
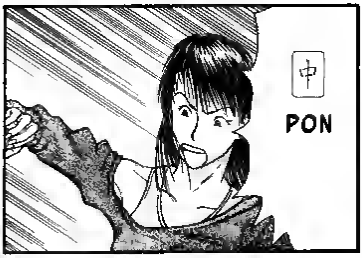

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LOSE, DUH
ANTICIPATING MY SINGLE TILE WAIT WHILE WORKING ON YOUR TAN YAO TRASH HAND, NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU THE JONG-PUTER


IF THIS KEEPS UP, IT'S OVER... I CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN!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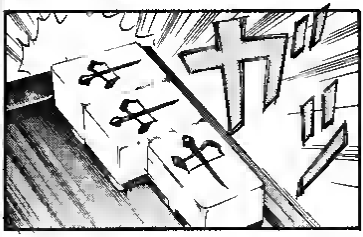
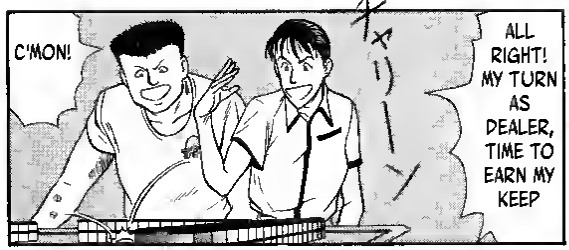


HA-
HANG
ON ONE
SECOND
...
SENSEI, PLEASE
DON'T HUM WHILE
YOU DISCARD
ピョン
RON,
ONLY,
1300
POINTS


C'MON!
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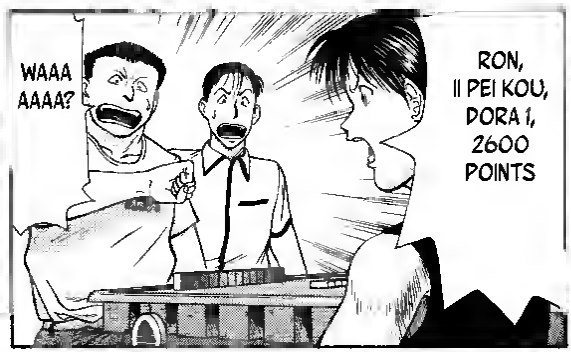
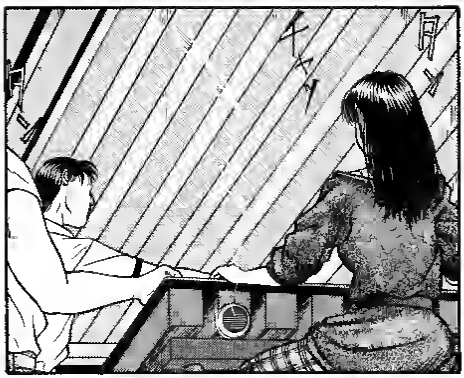
ALL RIGHT! MY TURN AS DEALER, TIME TO EARN MY KEEP

IT'S... ALL THANKS TO THAT CRICKET GETTING MY GUARD DOWN


WAAA AAAA?
RON, II PEI KOU, DORA 1, 2600 POINTS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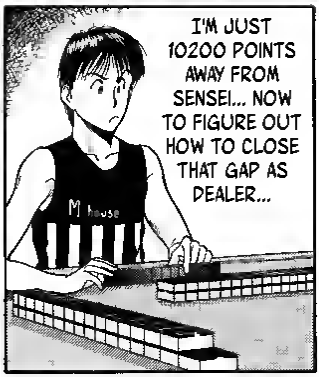
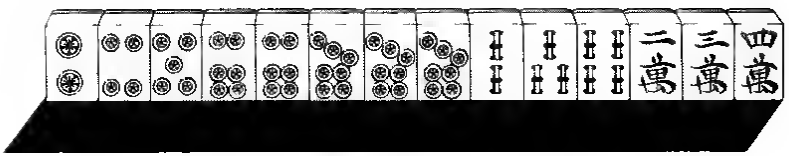

I'M JUST 10200 POINTS AWAY FROM SENSEI... NOW TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO CLOSE THAT GAP AS DEALER...
M house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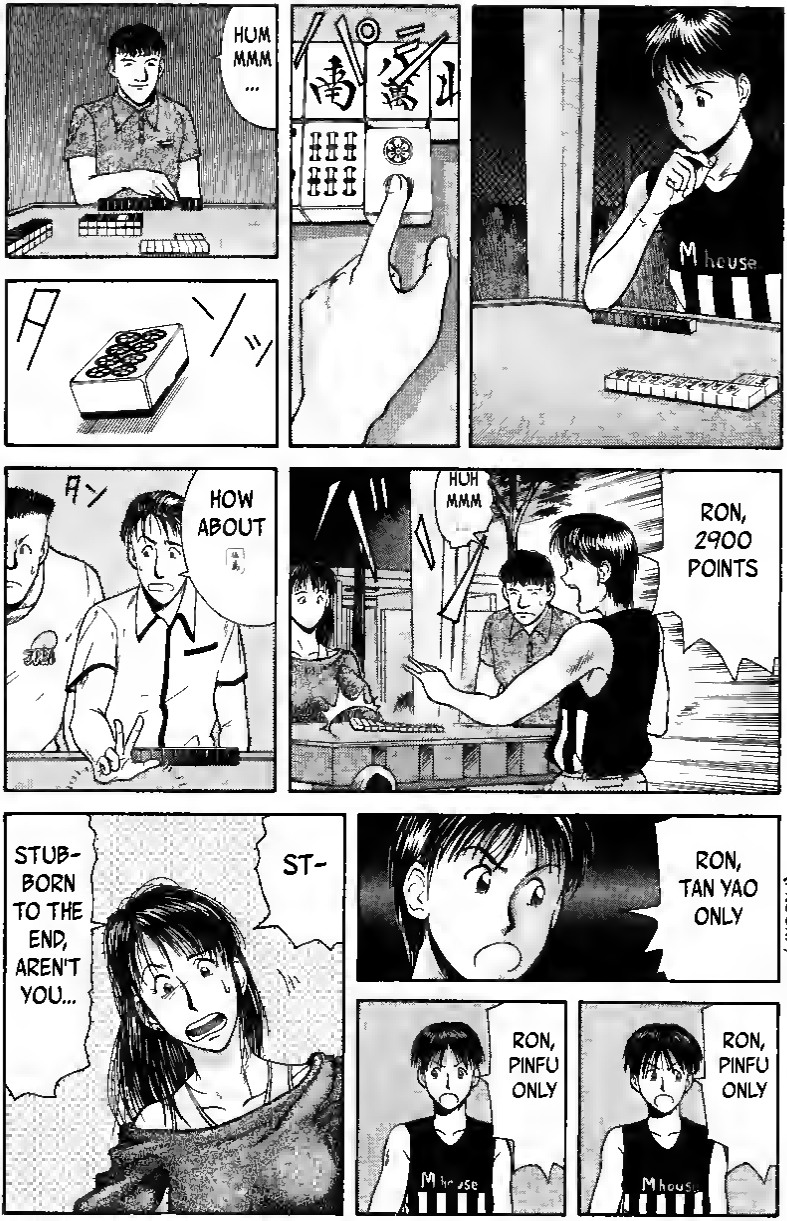
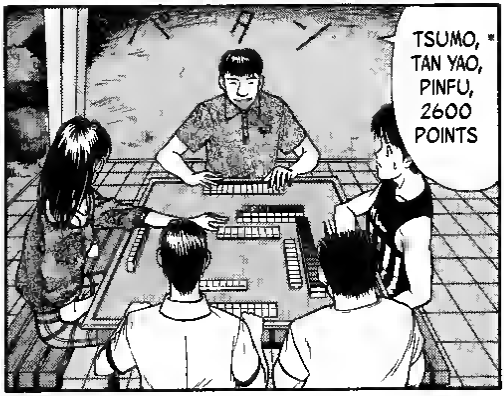
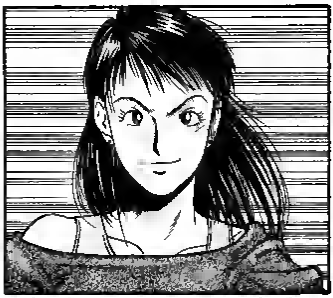
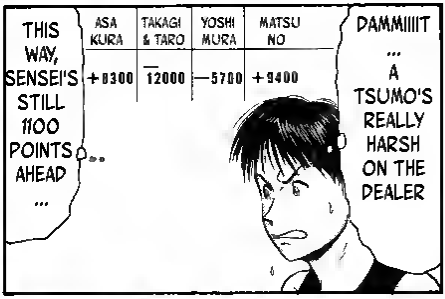
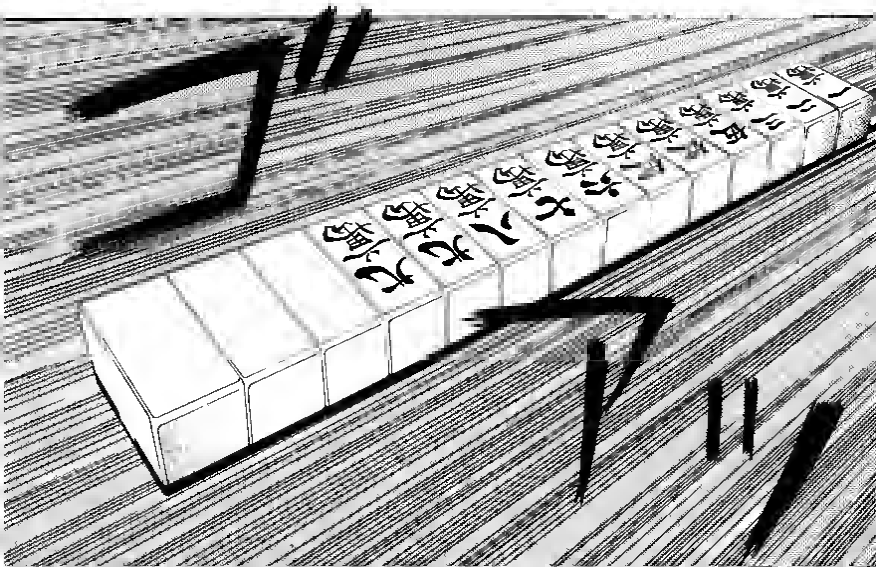

HUM MMM...
M house
HOW ABOUT
HUH MMM
RON, 2900 POINTS
STUB-BORN TO THE END, AREN'T YOU...
ST-
RON, TAN YAO ONLY
2300 POINTS (1 ROUND)
RON, PINFU ONLY
RON, PINFU ONLY

* THE DEALER (ASAKURA) PAYS A 1600 POINT BONUS, THE 1000 IS FROM THE REST



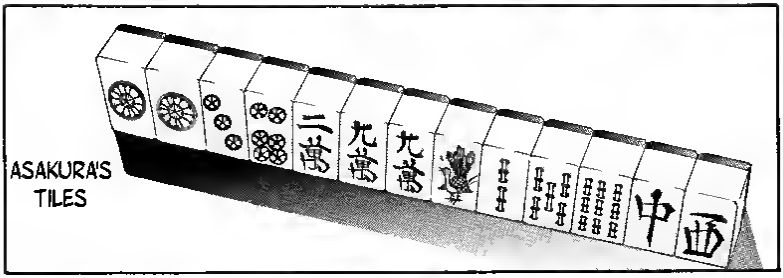


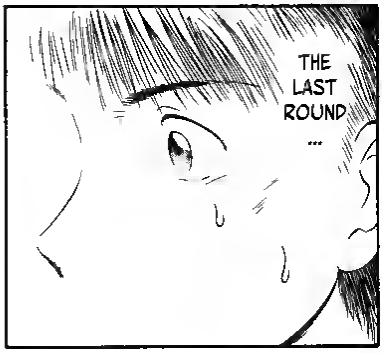


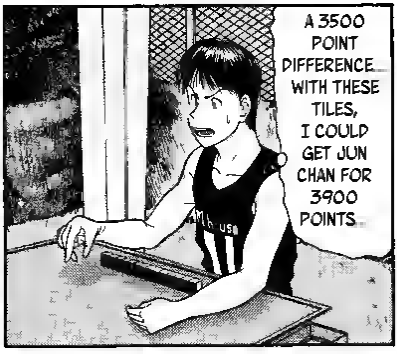


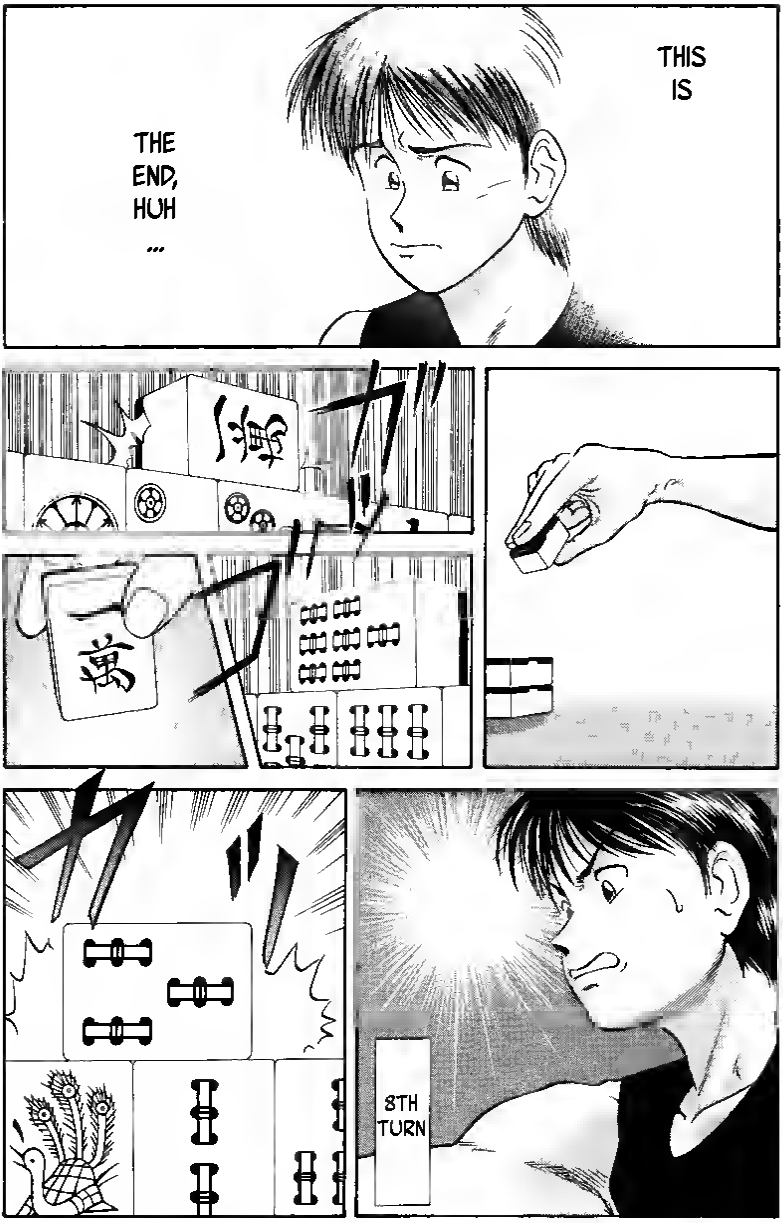
TSUMO
HON ITSU, 8000 POINTS
TAN YAO, 2000 POINTS
AND FROM THERE ...
WITH ASAKURA AS DEALER, TAKAGI GETS CHI TOI TSU FROM YOSHIMURA FOR 1600 POINTS
NEXT ROUND ASAKURA GETS ANOTHER TAN YAO, DORA, 2600 POINTS

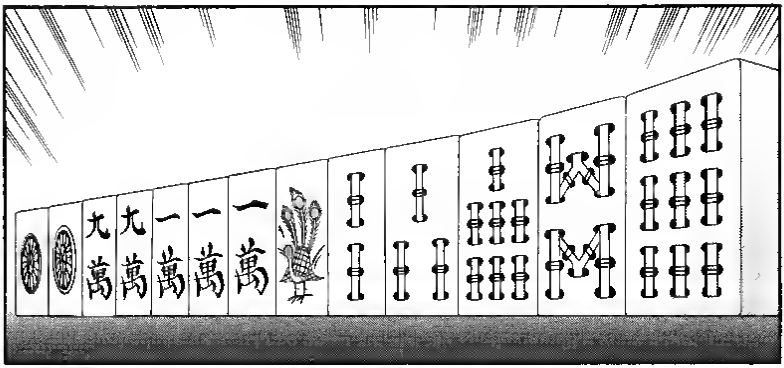
SECOND IS ASAKURA WITH A 3500 DIFFERENCE AT +12900 POINTS
LAST ROUND ON TOP WITH +16400 POINTS IS MATSUNO-SENSEI


ASAKURA'S TILES


THE LAST ROUND ...


A 3500 POINT DIFFERENCE WITH THESE TILES, I COULD GET JUN CHAN FOR 3900 POINTS


THIS IS
THE END, HUH ...
8TH TURN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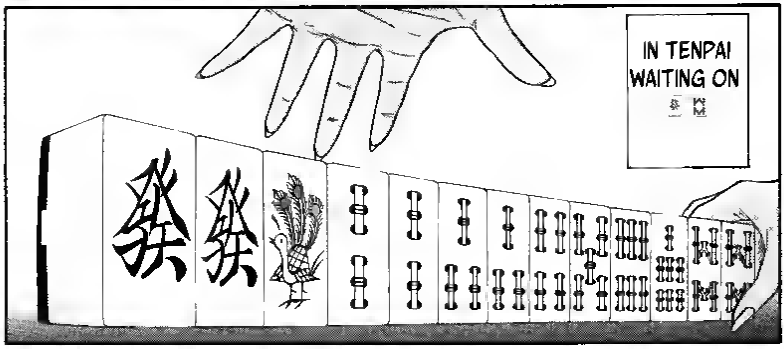
AND MATSUNO -SENSEI IS ALREADY

SOON ASAKURA IS IN TENPAI WAITING ON


IN TENPAI WAITING ON
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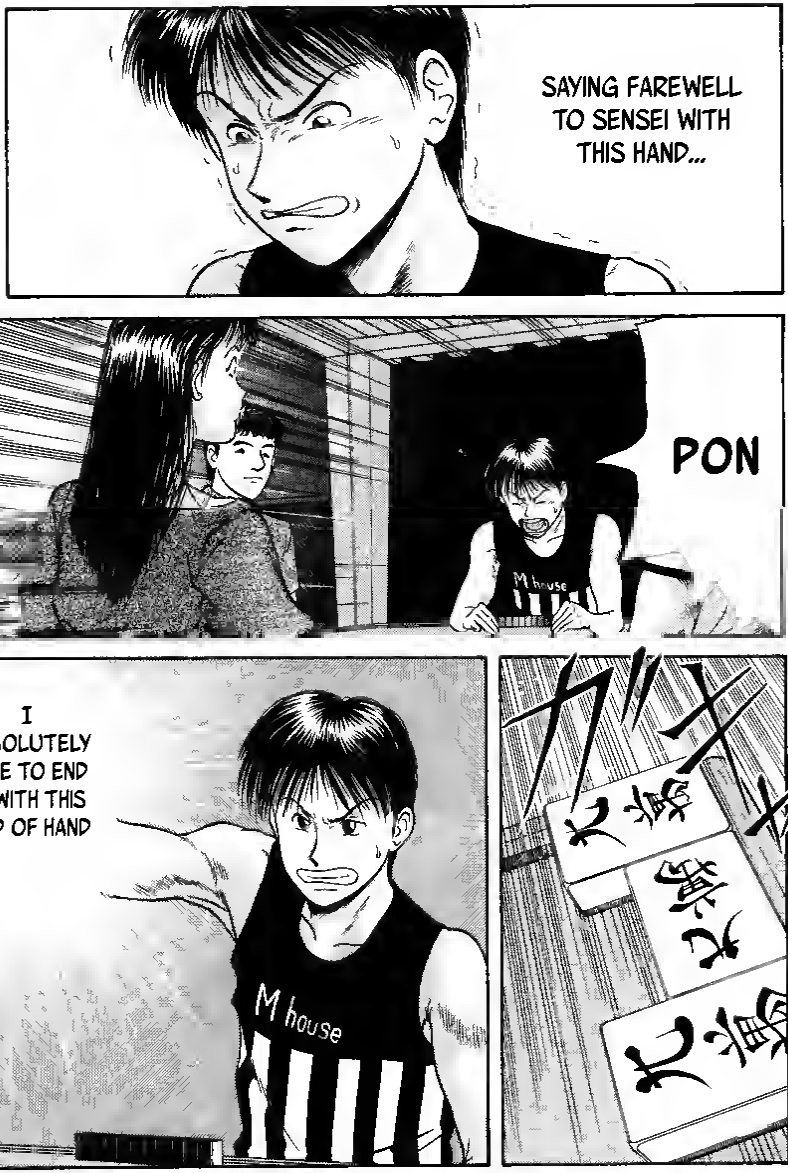
THIS IS IT, THE SHOW-DOWN
IS HE IN TENPAI? WELL, EITHER WAY
ASAKURA-KUN'S SHOOTING FOR JUN CHAN
M house

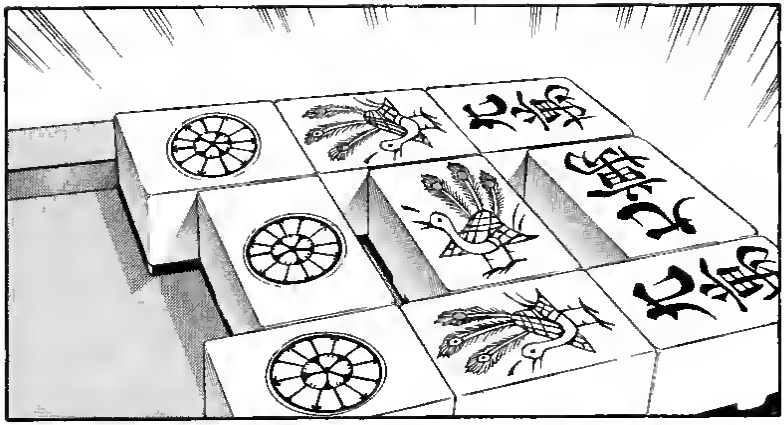
I WIN
M house
ぐっ
M house

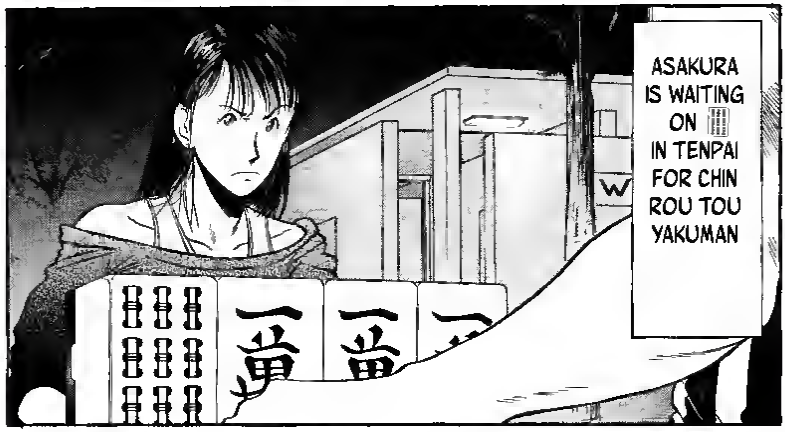
MAKE SURE NONE OF THE OTHER TEACHERS FIND OUT
I WAS INVINCIBLE
MY BACK WHEN I WAS A STUDENT
I DON'T WANNA
COME ON, DISCARD THE THIRD TILE FROM THE RIGHT

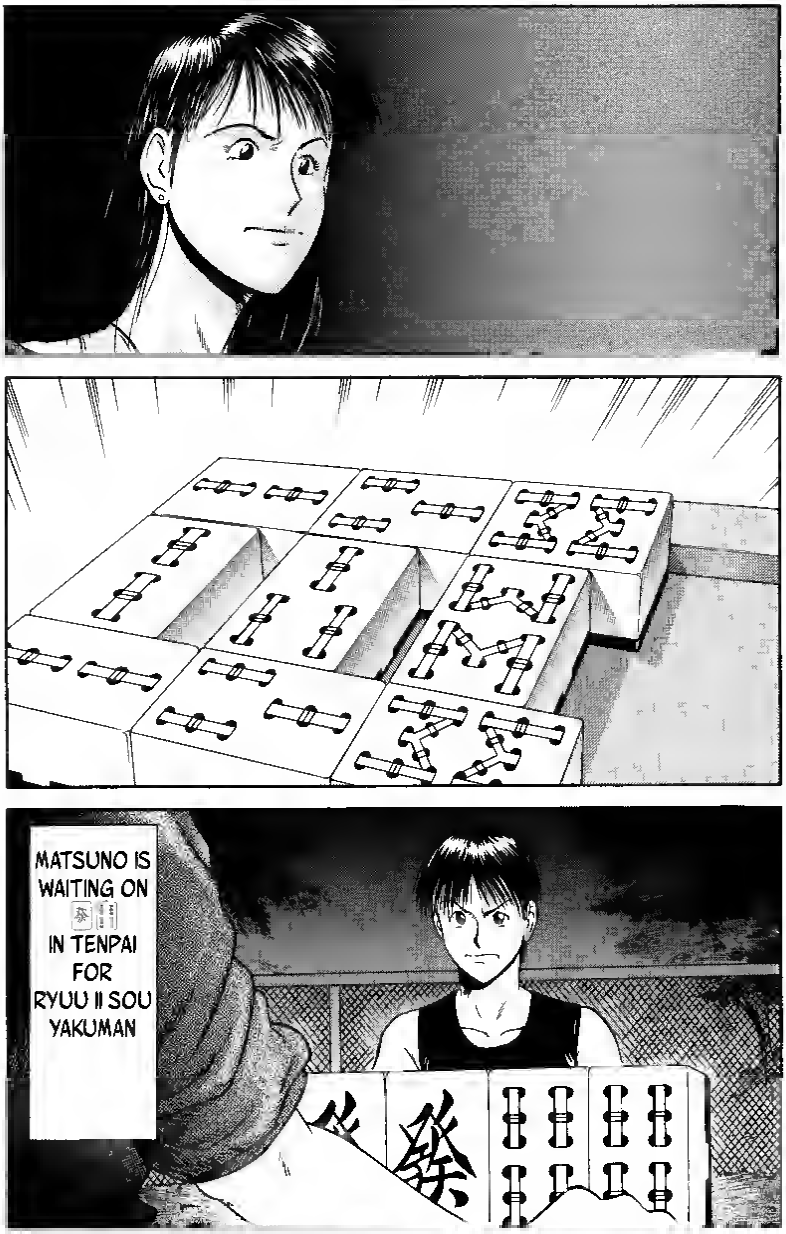

SAYING FAREWELL TO SENSEI WITH THIS HAND...
PON
M house
I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO END IT WITH THIS KIND OF HAND
M house
カン

ALL RIGHT
HE BROKE UP HIS HAND!?
IF THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING ...
PON

PON
PON
PON
IT'S AN AMAZING AERIAL BATTLE... LIKE SENSEI AND ASAKURA ARE PLAYING TWO PERSON MAHJONG
H... HOW... DID IT END UP LIKE THIS...
PON
PON




ASAKURA IS WAITING ON 🀙 IN TENPAI FOR CHIN ROU TOU YAKUMAN


MATSUNO IS WAITING ON
IN TENPAI FOR RYUU II SOU YAKUMAN

AH
AND THEN
TSUMO, JUST CHANTA WITH TSUMO

AH-
ASSHOLE
...
OH ASAKURA, YOU WERE IN TENPAI FOR YAKUMAN AFTER ALL
M house
IT'S TRASH, BUT THERE IT IS
YEAH
HAHAHA, WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WIN AGAINST YOU JUST ONCE
IT SUCKS, HUH? HAHAHA HAHA

※ BECAUSE PAYMENT FROM THE DEALER IS 500 AND OTHERS IS 300, IT'S A 5-3 (GO-MI, GOMI = GARBAGE) SUPER-CHEAP HAND

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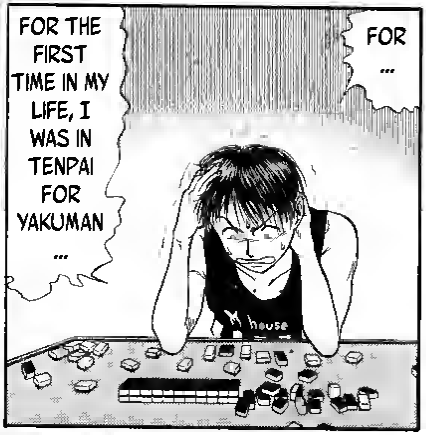
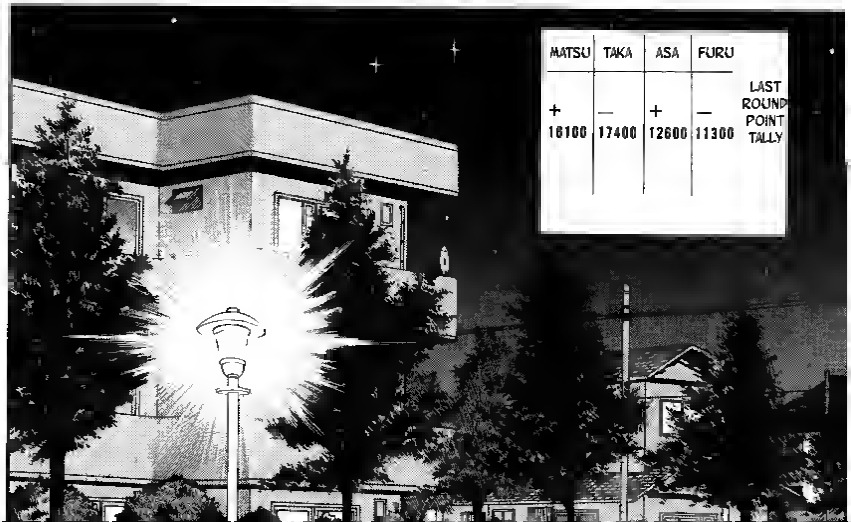
IT... IT'S OVER, HUH

THUS WAS ASAKURA'S MOST DEARLY WISHED FOR YAKUMAN STRUCK DOWN BY THE CRUELLEST TSUMO
DAMN IT


FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS IN TENPAI FOR YAKUMAN ...
FOR ...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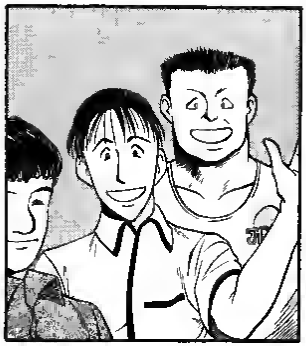
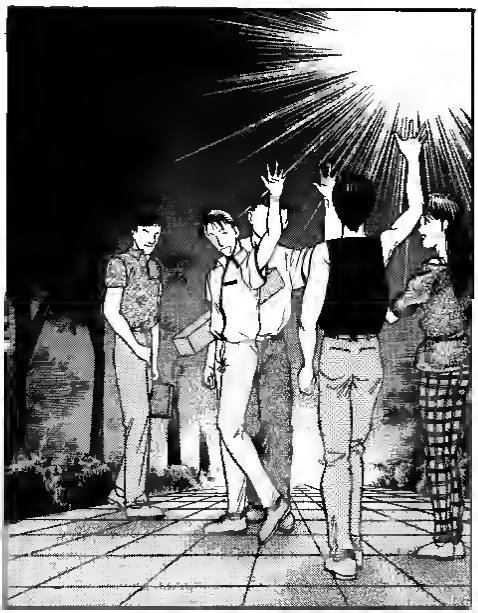
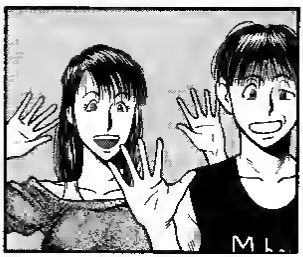
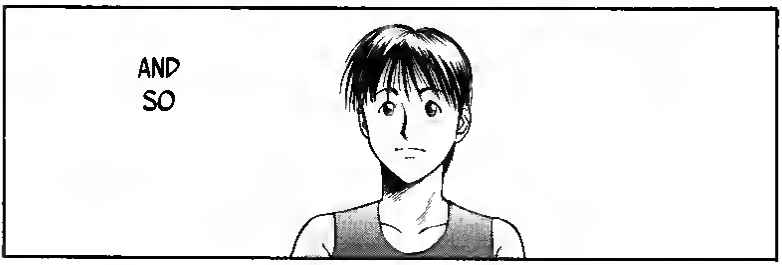
FURU
+ 16100
— 17400
+ 12600
— 11300
LAST ROUND POINT TALLY







AFTER THAT WE CASUALLY PARTED LIKE FRIENDS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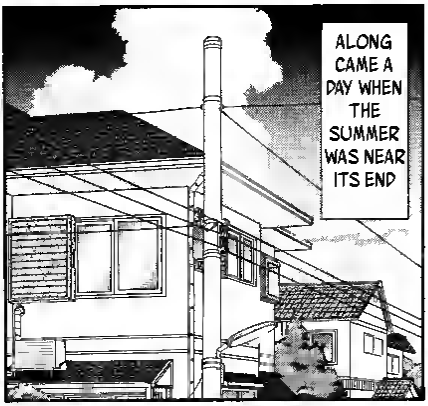
ALONG CAME A DAY WHEN THE SUMMER WAS NEAR ITS END

ONIICHAN, A LETTER

OH, IT'S FROM A WOMAN
HUH?
MY FIRST YAKUMAN FROM BEFORE WE PARTED
MATSUNO ASAKO
WHAT?
LET'S WRITE TO EACH OTHER THE FIRST TIME WE GET YAKUMAN
OH, THAT'S RIGHT, ASAKURA -KUN

WILL KEEP AIMING FOR YAKUMAN IN THE MAHJONG CLUB
HEY TAKAGI, MAKE SOME TIME FOR MAHJONG TODAY
TODAY AND FROM NOW ON, ASAKURA

1ST ROUND, END

2ND CHAPTER
BONDS OF TERROR CHAPTER

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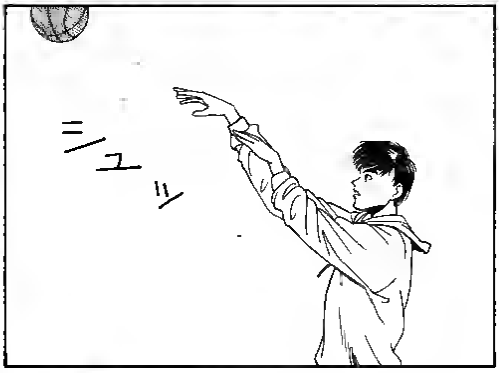
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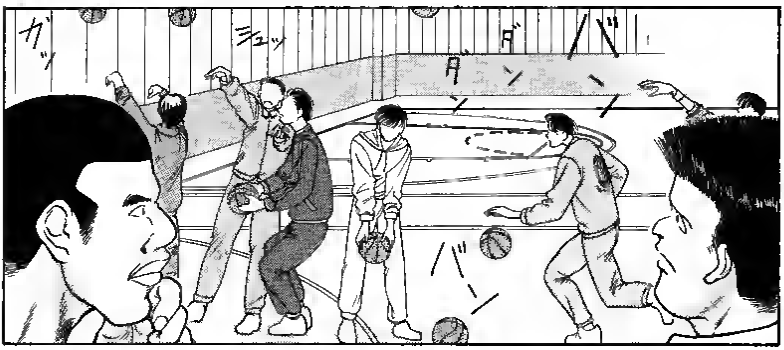
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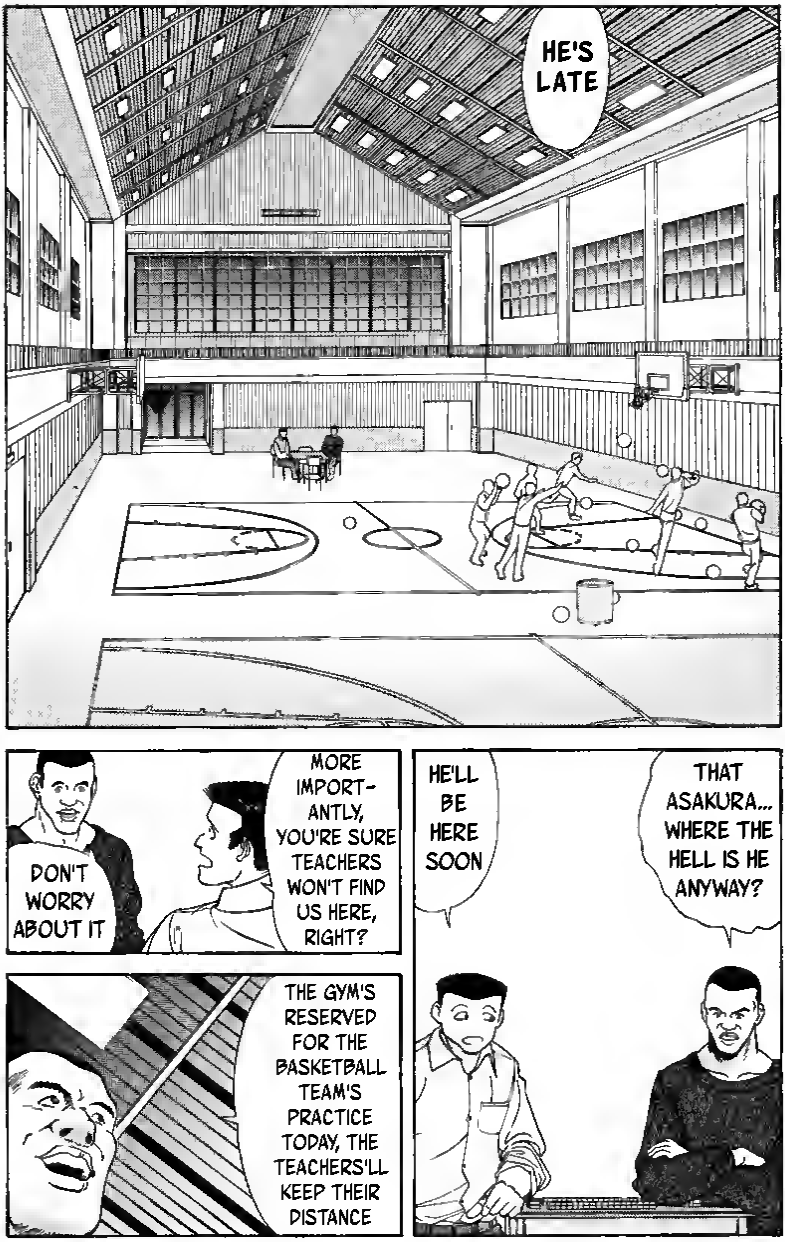

HE'S LATE
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'RE SURE TEACHERS WON'T FIND US HERE, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
THE GYM'S RESERVED FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAM'S PRACTICE TODAY, THE TEACHERS'LL KEEP THEIR DISTANCE
HE'LL BE HERE SOON
THAT ASAKURA... WHERE THE HELL IS HE ANYWAY?

WAIT
AHH, HOW I'VE MISSED THIS MAHJONG ...
UGH
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR ASAKURA TO BRING ONE MORE PERSON AND AFTER SCHOOL MAHJONG IS A GO
SHUT UP AND DEAL WITH IT, NORIKO!
BUT I DON'T WANNA, ONIICHAN!

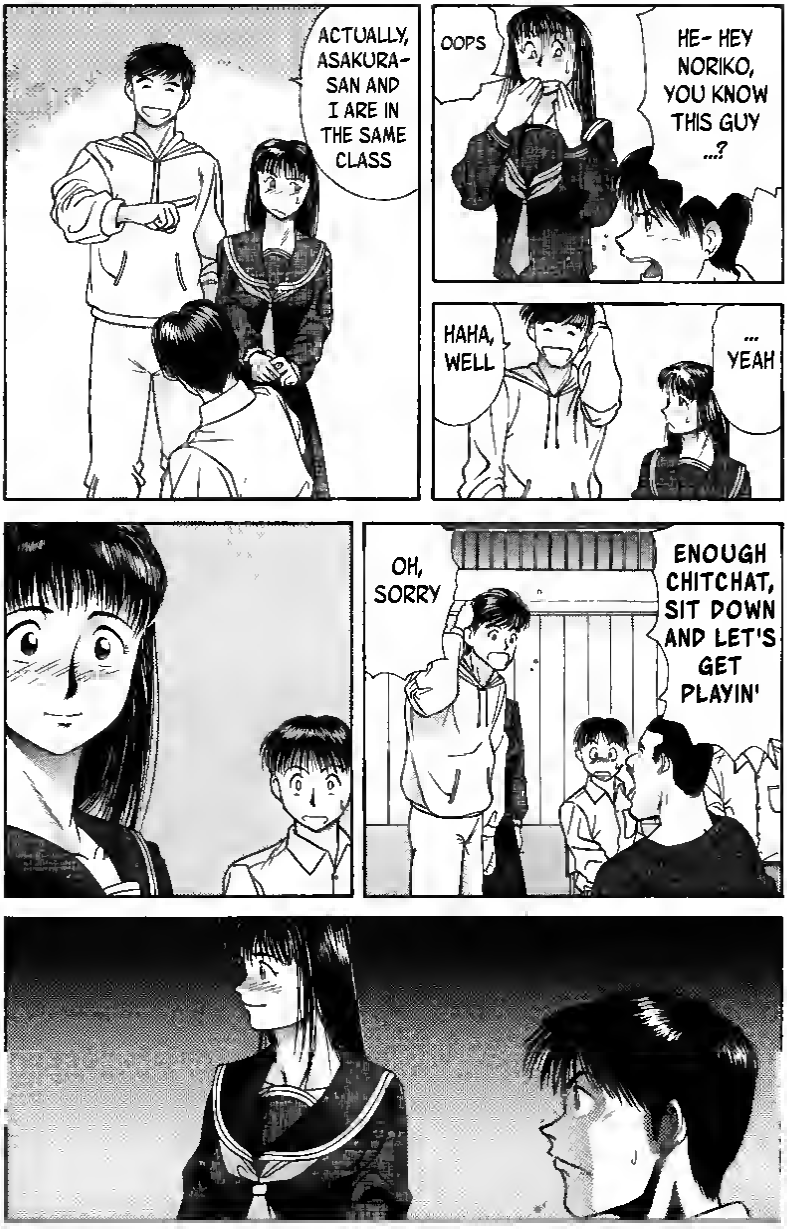
AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE TILES AND THE MAT, WHO CARES WHERE WE ARE!?
FREAKIN' MAKE ME! WHY IS IT IN THE GYM ANYWAY!?
STOP ITTTT
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ME
STOP PULLING ME, ONIICHAN
OKAY, LET'S PLAY MAHJONG

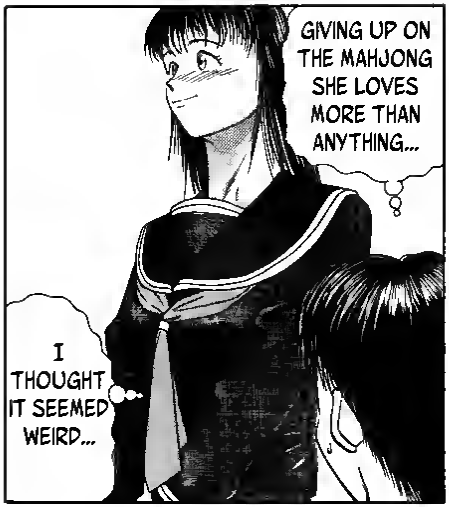
WAIT, Y... YOU'RE ASAKURA'S KID SISTER?
YEAH ...
ASAKURA NORIKO
INTRO-DUCTIONS! THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER, THE MAHJONG CLUB'S SHADOW WARRIOR
THE ...
THE BASKET-BALL TEAM?
WELL ... YEAH, Y'KNOW ...
YUP
WHAT? YOU KNOW NORIKO, SCUMBAG?
LATELY SHE'S BEEN LOOKING IN ON PRACTICES... I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS YOUR SISTER...
THAT'S WEIRD... I THOUGHT NORIKO WAS INTERESTED IN THE GIANTS' NAGASHIMA THIS YEAR, SO WHY BASKETBALL...?

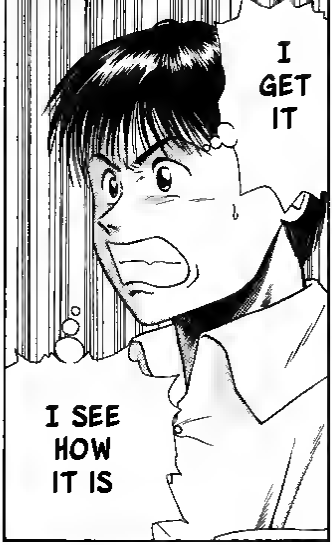
LET'S DO IT!
OKAY, LET'S GET STARTED
GOT THAT RIGHT! BETTER NOT UNDERESTIMATE HER JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A FIRST YEAR
ASAKURA'S LITTLE SISTER... I'LL BET SHE'S STRONG
ONII CHAN
HANG ON
NORIKO, YOU SIT ACROSS FROM ME
WAIT JUST A SECOND ...
WAAAHH
AT 16, YOU ALREADY HAVE 7 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PLAYING MAHJONG...
I... CAN'T PLAY MAHJONG ...

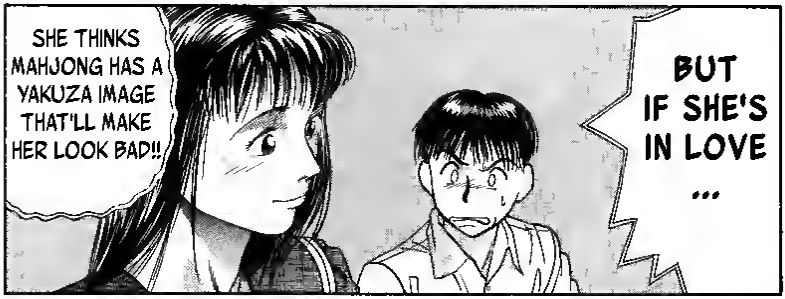
IF YOU WANT, I CAN PROBABLY FIND SOMEONE ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM ...
AH, THANK YOU, CAPTAIN!
GRRR ...
ASAKURA, SEEMS LIKE NORIKO REALLY DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY
YO, HASE-GAWA!!
WHAT'S UP, CAPTAIN?

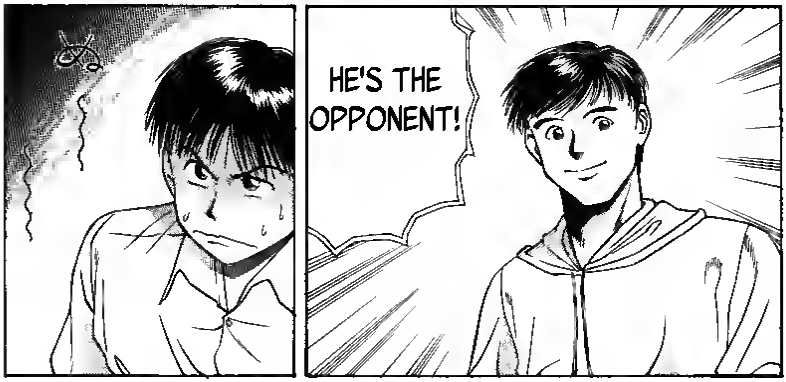
HUH? YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
YOU CAN PLAY MAHJONG, HOW ABOUT JOINING US?
YES SIR
たたっ
COME HERE A SEC
WHAT?
HASEGAWA -KUN, YOU PLAY MAHJONG !?
THAT'S RIGHT!
MAN, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT! I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO PLAY FOR A WHILE, REALLY
I REALLY LOVE MAHJONG!

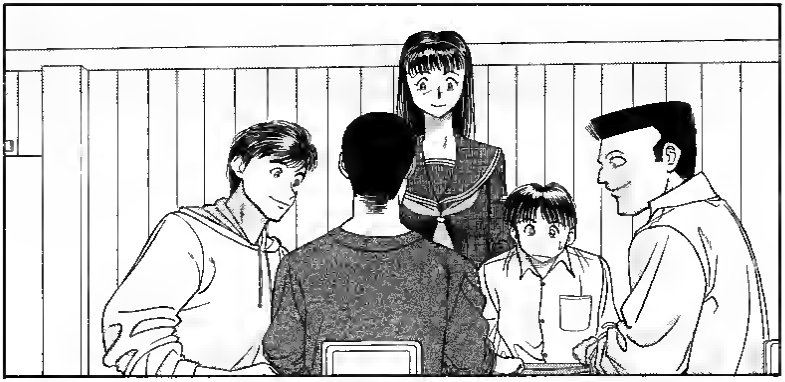

ACTUALLY, ASAKURA-SAN AND I ARE IN THE SAME CLASS
OOPS
HE- HEY NORIKO, YOU KNOW THIS GUY ...?
HAHA, WELL
... YEAH
OH, SORRY
ENOUGH CHITCHAT, SIT DOWN AND LET'S GET PLAYIN'


GIVING UP ON THE MAHJONG SHE LOVES MORE THAN ANYTHING...
I THOUGHT IT SEEMED WEIRD...

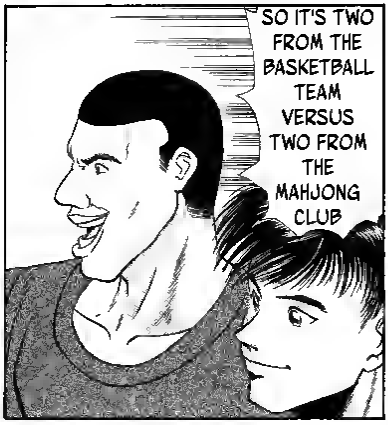

I GET IT
I SEE HOW IT IS


SHE THINKS MAHJONG HAS A YAKUZA IMAGE THAT'LL MAKE HER LOOK BAD!!
BUT IF SHE'S IN LOVE ...


HE'S THE OPPONENT!

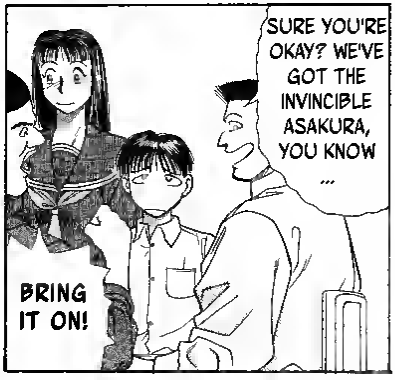


RIGHT ON, IT'S A SHOWDOWN


SO IT'S TWO FROM THE BASKETBALL TEAM VERSUS TWO FROM THE MAHJONG CLUB

...NORIKO AND THIS SO-CALLED HASEGAWA GUY... WHAT EXACTLY HAVE THEY BEEN UP TO TOGETHER...?

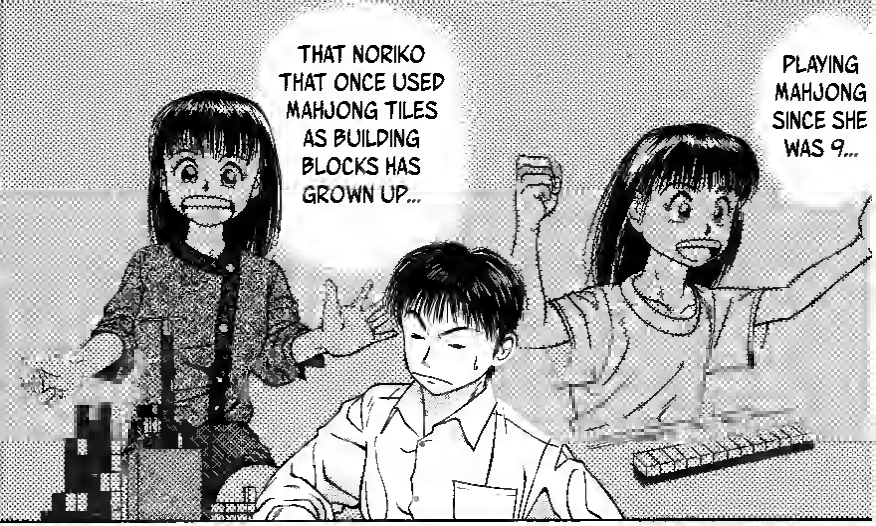
WHO CARES 'BOUT ASAKURA
. . . .
THINK YOU'RE SO GREAT

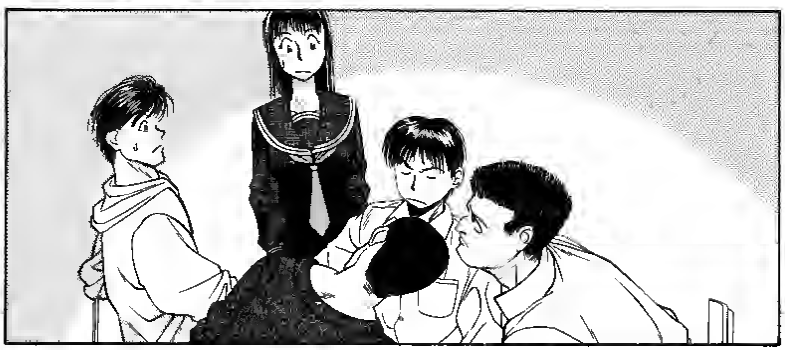

SURE YOU'RE OKAY? WE'VE GOT THE INVINCIBLE ASAKURA, YOU KNOW ...
BRING IT ON!

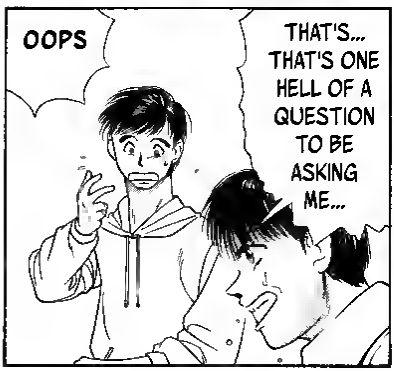
HA-HANG ON JUST A SECOND
BETTING ON MAHJONG ...
HEY, IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A 2V2 SHOULD WE BET ON IT?
WELL, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT GET US FIRED UP...
HE'S RIGHT... SOMETHING OTHER THAN MONEY... WHADAYA THINK?
HE... HE'S GAMBLING AT HIS AGE?
FINE WITH ME
HEHEHEH, IF YER SCARED YOU CAN ALWAYS RUN AWAY
DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT BAD
ERK
WELL... I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT BAD, BUT...

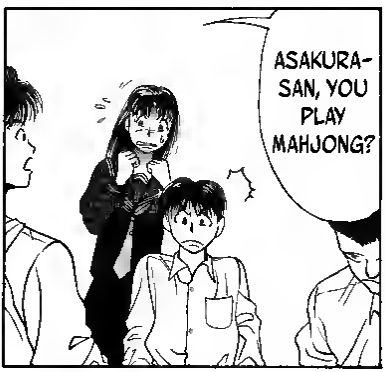
WELL THEN... IT'S DECIDED ...
じゃらじゃら
I WON'T RUN AWAY EITHER
WELL, WHATEVER ...I'M NOT A BETTING MAN, BUT
じゃら
IF THE ASAKURA TEAM (MAHJONG CLUB) LOSES, THEY'LL POLISH BALLS FOR AN ENTIRE MONTH
THUS BEGAN THE BASKETBALL TEAM VS. ASAKURA TEAM MAHJONG HANCHAN ONE ROUND TAG TEAM BATTLE
AND IF THE BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES, THEY'LL SHARE THE GYM WITH THE MAHJONG CLUB DURING PRACTICE FOR A YEAR... THESE ARE THE STAKES OF THIS BATTLE...

チャッ
タン
チャッ
タン
あせっ…
WHA-
H- HOW WOULD I KNOW!?
HMM?
…NORIKO
カチャ
IF YOU WERE PLAYING, WHAT WOULD YOU DISCARD…?
SHE… SHE'S STILL TRYING TO HIDE HER MAHJONG ABILITIES…


THAT NORIKO THAT ONCE USED MAHJONG TILES AS BUILDING BLOCKS HAS GROWN UP...
PLAYING MAHJONG SINCE SHE WAS 9...




OOPS
THAT'S... THAT'S ONE HELL OF A QUESTION TO BE ASKING ME...


ASAKURA-SAN, YOU PLAY MAHJONG?

I DIDN'T MEAN ONIISAN...
I MEANT
I'M SORRY
HEY ONII SAN
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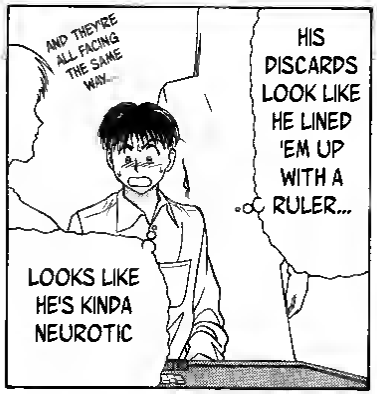
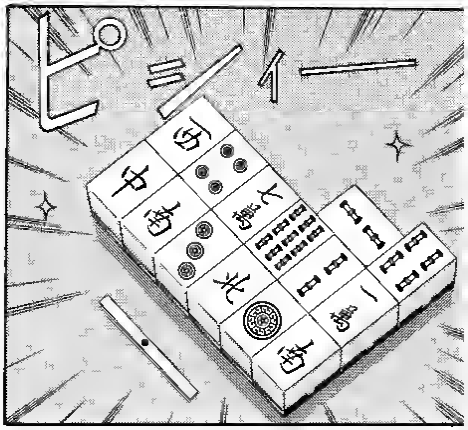
ONIISAN
ONIISAN
ONIISAN
ONII SAN
ONII SAN
JEEZ!
GAH!

WH-WHAT'S WRONG, ASAKURA?
TRY TO TONE DOWN YOUR DISCARDS, OKAY?
VERY WELL
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH NORIKO, MAHJONG IS SOMETHING THAT TAKES ROOT IN A PERSON'S HEART
TO ME AND MY 3 YEARS OF MAHJONG EXPERIENCE
MAHJONG TECHNIQUE REVEALS A PERSON'S PERSONALITY, LIKE PEERING INTO SOMEONE'S VERY BEING
I'LL JUDGE FOR MYSELF WHETHER YOU'RE QUALIFIED TO KEEP COMPANY WITH NORIKO

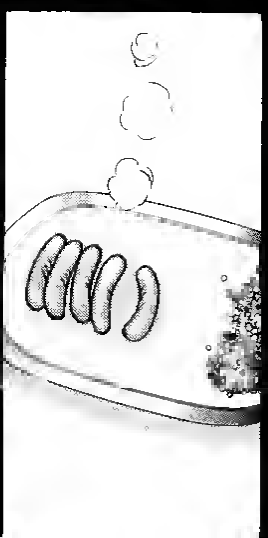
YOU CAN'T FOOL MY EYES!
UGH ...
AWE-SOME
RIICHI!
GEH
IF ASAKURA-SENPAI'S GONNA BE THAT SCARY, I SHOULD RIICHI AS QUICK AS I CAN
THIS... THIS IS...


AND THEY'RE ALL FACING THE SAME WAY...
HIS DISCARDS LOOK LIKE HE LINED 'EM UP WITH A RULER...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S KINDA NEUROTIC



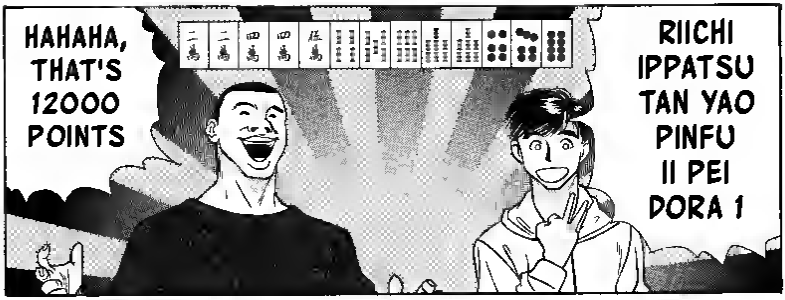
HRMM
BREAK-FAST, DARLING

LOOK, NORIKOOO! THE SAUSAGE ON THE RIGHT IS FACING THE WRONG WAAAY!
AAAAHHH LOOK AT THIS
WHAT



YOU IDIOT!
OH... I'M SO SORRY, DARLING
YOU DAMN FOOL, I CAN'T STAND THIS KIND OF DISORDER! YOU HAVE TO LINE THEM UP PROPERLY!
WHAT!? THIS PICKLED RADISH ISN'T CUT INTO EVEN SECTIONS!
THAT'S HORRIBLE!
WAAHHHH ...
COME ON... GET A GRIP, ASAKURA
ONII-CHAN?

HERE GOES
HEY, ASAKURA... IT'S YOUR TURN
I KNOW THAT
DON'T NEED IT
H- HEY... COME ON, ASAKURA ...
WHAT !?
IPPATSU
HUH?
THERE IT IS!


HAHAHA, THAT'S 12000 POINTS
RIICHI
IPPATSU
TAN YAO
PINFU
II PEI
DORA 1

NAW, I JUST GOT LUCKY
KYA! HASEGAWA-KUN, THAT WAS AWESOME!
パパ

HE CALLED RIICHI?
YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD... WHAT'S GOING ON?

I WAS WORRYING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE, OF ALL THINGS... AND YOU'RE DELIGHTING IN MY MISFORTUNE ...
WHAT IS SHE SAYING?

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ASAKURA! WE HAVE TO POLISH BASKETBALLS IF WE LOSE...
!!

UGH ...
IS HER BIG BROTHER AN OUTSIDER AFTER ALL?

UWAGH
HAHA HAHA
ガシッ
WHAT, THEY'RE STILL NOT CLEAN!? KEEP SHININ' THEM!
ガラッ
NOOOO OOOO OOOOO
ガタッ
BATHROOM, MAYBE?
WHAT... WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON WITH ASAKURA!?

NORIKO OOOO! PLEASE DON'T DO IT!
WAAAA AAAAH HHHHH
DAMMIT!! THAT PRICK!!

NICE AND CALM
GO BACK TO BEING A SUPER-NICE BIG BROTHER LIKE ALWAYS
LEVEL-HEADED
NOT GOOD! THIS IS NO GOOD, ASAKURA!
RECLAIM MY LOGICAL SELF!
NICE AND CALM...
ALL RIGHT

WELL, SORRY ABOUT THE WAIT
SURE TOOK YOUR TIME...
HAD TO POOP, HUH
WAS STARTING TO THINK YOU WERE SCARED OF LOSING AND RAN OFF
WELL... SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
I'M GLAD
PROCEED CALMLY
DON'T GET CAUGHT UP PEOPLE-WATCHING AND NEGLECT THE GAME
YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE SAYING THAT?
THE RUMOURED INVINCIBLE ASAKURA'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL AFTER ALL
じゃら
じゃら

トン
發
四萬
東
四萬
三萬
九萬
HASEGAWA'S DISCARDS
タン
チャッ
パシィ
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チャッ
I HAVE TO GET BACK IN THE RHYTHM OF THINGS AFTER THAT FLUKE WIN ...
COULD BE PINFU IN CHIN ITSU...
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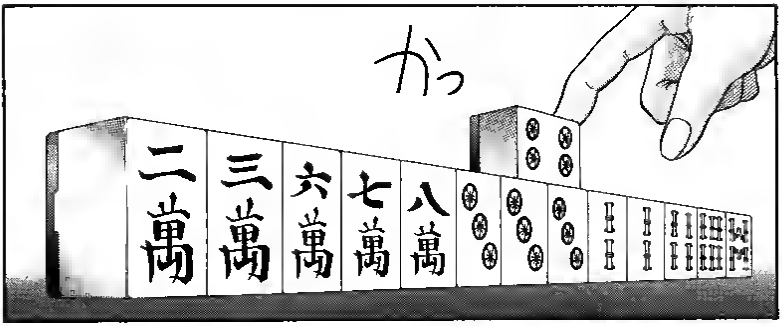
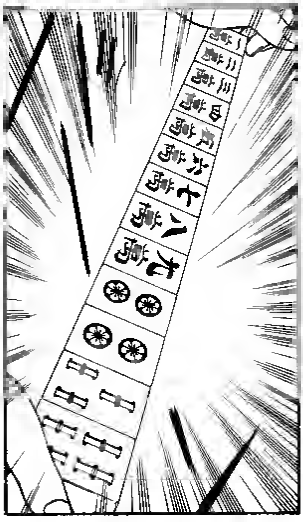
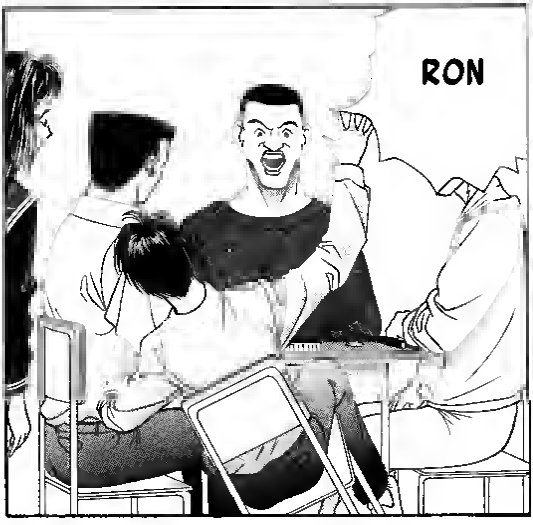

かっ
二萬
三萬
六萬
七萬
八萬

DIS-
CARDING

SO IT'S
LIKE THIS
...
I CAN'T
DISCARD
ANY
PINZU

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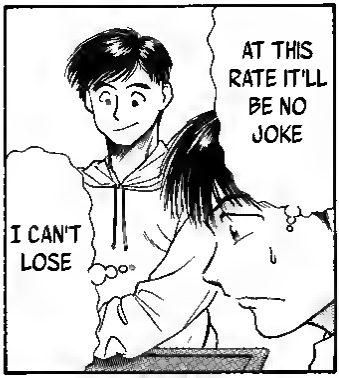
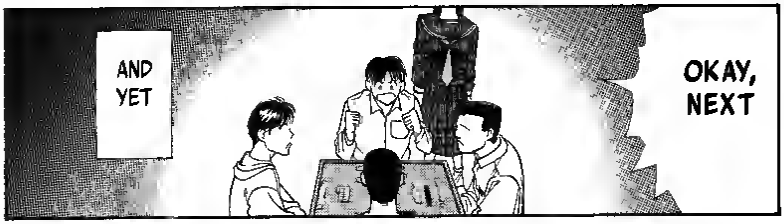
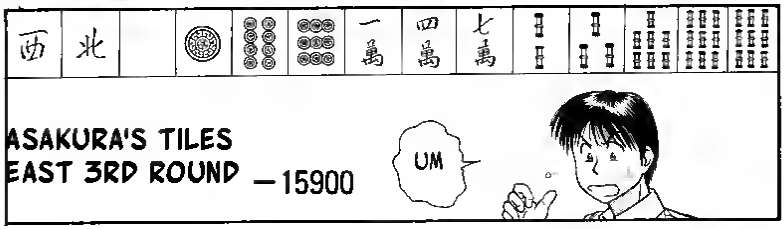
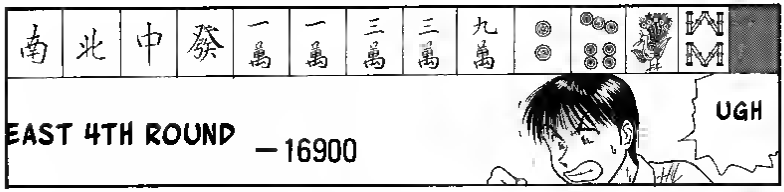
DAMMIT, EVEN THIS GUY GOT ONE OVER ON ME
PINFU ITTSUU, 3900 POINTS! HAHAHA
YOU'RE THINKING OF RUGBY BALLS
ASAKURA... DON'T YOU GET IT... WE'LL HAVE TO SPIT SHINE BASKETBALLS...
GIMME A BREAK!
わっはっはっはっは
GI-
.....

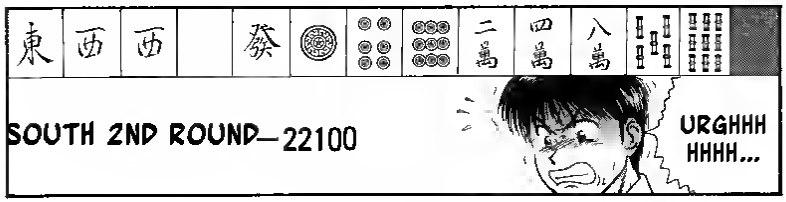
I'LL JUST HAVE TO PROVE I'M THE BETTER MAN HERE
I WON'T LOSE


AT THIS RATE IT'LL BE NO JOKE
I CAN'T LOSE

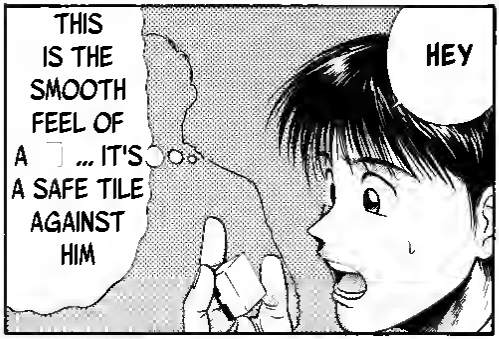

AND YET
OKAY, NEXT

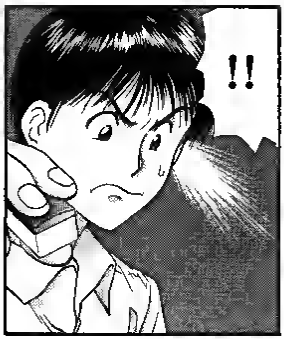

ASAKURA'S TILES
EAST 3RD ROUND —15900
UM


EAST 4TH ROUND —16900
UGH


SOUTH 2ND ROUND—22100
URGHHH HHHH...

WITH EACH ROUND, THE SEVERITY OF ASAKURA'S SITUATION INCREASED AND FINALLY CAME CRASHING DOWN
THE HELL IS THIS!?
THAT'S RIICHI
DAMN...
TCH... I CAN DISCARD THIS ONE, AT LEAST...
THIS ASSHOLE... CALLING RIICHI WHILE MY HAND'S FULL OF USELESS TILES...
HOW SHAMELESS ...


THIS IS THE SMOOTH FEEL OF A □ ... IT'S A SAFE TILE AGAINST HIM
HEY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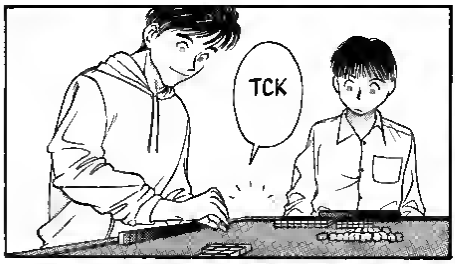
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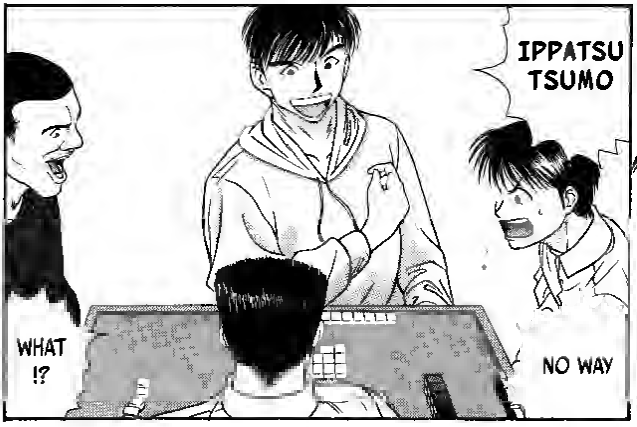
THERE, TAKE THIS □


IPPATSU TSUMO
WHAT !?
NO WAY

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12000 POINTS
RIICHI IPPATSU TSUMO SAN SHOKU DORA!
JEEZ, MAN... YOU'VE GOT A KNACK FOR IPPATSU
ATTABOY, HASEGAWA
MY GOD, WHEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO CONCENTRATE ON THIS LIFE-OR-DEATH BATTLE...
THAT'S AWESOME, HASEGAWA-KUN
HA
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NAW, I JUST GOT LUCKY, THAT'S ALL
HASEGAWA, I MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE YOU A REGULAR

MOREOVER, HE DISCARDED 1 WHEN HE DECLARED RIICHI...
HE PURPOSELY BROKE UP HIS RYANMEN WAIT AND CALLED RIICHI WAITING ON 1 ALONE...
...THERE'S 3 1 OUT THERE, SO THAT'S THE LAST ONE...
TO PUT HIMSELF INTO A WAIT ON A SINGLE TILE, OF WHICH THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT, AND RIICHI FOR SAN SHOKU
IT MAKES NO SENSE
THAT ASSHOLE MEMORIZED THE TILES ON EITHER END OF HIS WALL SO HE'D KNOW JUST WHEN HE'D DRAW THE 1 AND BE READY TO TSUMO
SO THAT'S IT!!

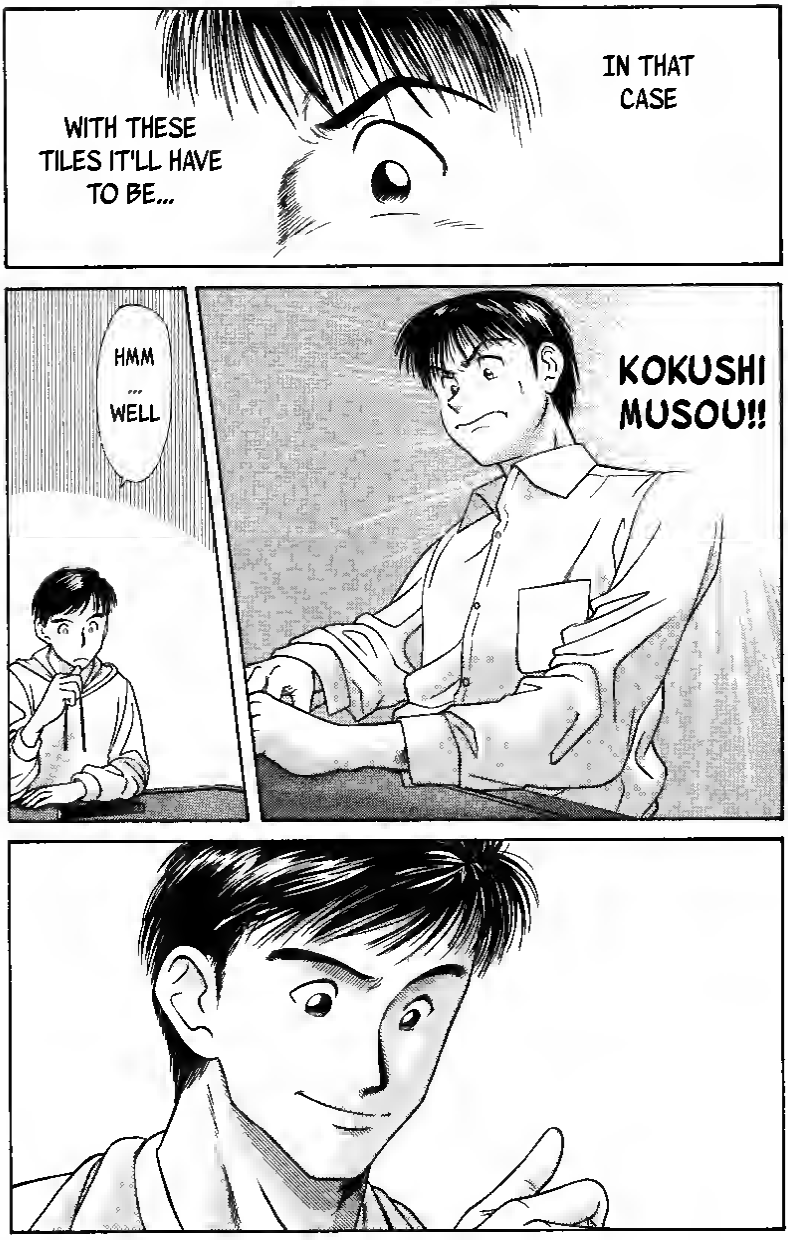
GOD-AWFUL
PETTY
DIRTY
ACTUALLY THIS ISN'T CONSIDERED CHEATING WHEN ASAKURA HIMSELF OCCASIONALLY USES THIS TECHNIQUE
HE'S A ROTTEN-TO-THE-CORE CHEATING GOOD-FOR-NOTHING
SO THEN, I GET IT, OF COURSE THAT WAS THE FIRST TILE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THAT PRICK'S WALL
GOD DAMN THAT DIRTY CHEATER!
YOU REALLY HAVE A BAD EYE FOR MEN
NORIKO, HOW IS HE "AWESOME"? YOU BIG BROTHER'S RIGHT HERE! THIS MAN IS ALREADY ROTTEN TO THE CORE OF HIS BEING... HE'S A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING THAT CAN ONLY BRING YOU UNHAPPINESS
YOUR BROTHER IS SO SAD

BASKET -BALL
MORON
GAMBLING
I'LL WIN!! RIGHT BEFORE NORIKO'S EYES! I'LL BEAT THE HELL OUT OF HIM AND WAKE HER UP!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE TO THIS ASSHOLE
I WON'T HAND MY PRECIOUS LITTLE SISTER OVER TO A GUY LIKE THAT
ALL RIGHT, LAST ROUND
I'M THE DEALER
I'LL BEAT HIMMM!
ASA-KURA

LAST ROUND, SOUTH
ASA KURA
TARO
NANFU
HASE GAWA
— 26100
— 4600
+ 3200
+ 27500
MAHJONG TEAM −30700
BASKETBALL TEAM +30700
YOU CAN'T CATCH UP IF YOU DON'T MANAGE YAKUMAN, ONIICHAN
HAA
POLISH-ING BALLS, HUH...
HAHAHA ASAKURA SURE DOESN'T LIVE UP TO THE RUMOURS
...THIS ASSHOLE ...
NOT TOO KEEN ON BEING THE DEALER IN THE LAST

SOUTH 4TH ROUND, ASAKURA'S TILE DISTRIBUTION
KYUUSHU KYUUHAI
※
WHAT IF I GET NEW TILES...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LET MYSELF LOSE TO THIS GUY
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AN' HIM IS OVER 50000 POINTS... THERE'S NO WAY TO TURN IT AROUND EXCEPT WITH YAKUMAN...

※ IF A STARTING HAND HAS AT LEAST 9 ONES, NINES, OR HONOUR TILES, A PLAYER CAN REQUEST A NEW STARTING HAND


WITH THESE TILES IT'LL HAVE TO BE...
IN THAT CASE
HMM ... WELL
KOKUSHI MUSOU!!

伍萬
伍萬
六萬
七萬
七萬
八萬
九萬
中
中
DOUBLE
RIICHI

UGH... IT'S NO GOOD...!
!
WH... WHAT CAN I DISCARD NOW...?
THAT'S AWESOME... WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I TOOK A LOOK AT YOUR HAND...?
AH
UH, WELL... SURE
DOUBLE RIICHI, WAITING ON
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ADDING TO THE PILED UP POINT COUNTERS

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY MAHJONG
HUH?
DON'T LOOK AT IT, NORIKO
?
GO EASY, YOU GUYS...
C'MON, HURRY AND DRAW, HASEGAWA
HA HA
東
西
北
中

DISCARD-
ING
MIDDLES,
HUH?
MAYBE
IT'S
CHANTA
DON'T
NEED
IT
一萬
七萬
中

ALL
RIGHT

AND SO ...
I CAN TURN THIS AROUND IF TARO OR NANBU DEAL INTO IT... BUT
IT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE HASEGAWA
OPEN RIICHI

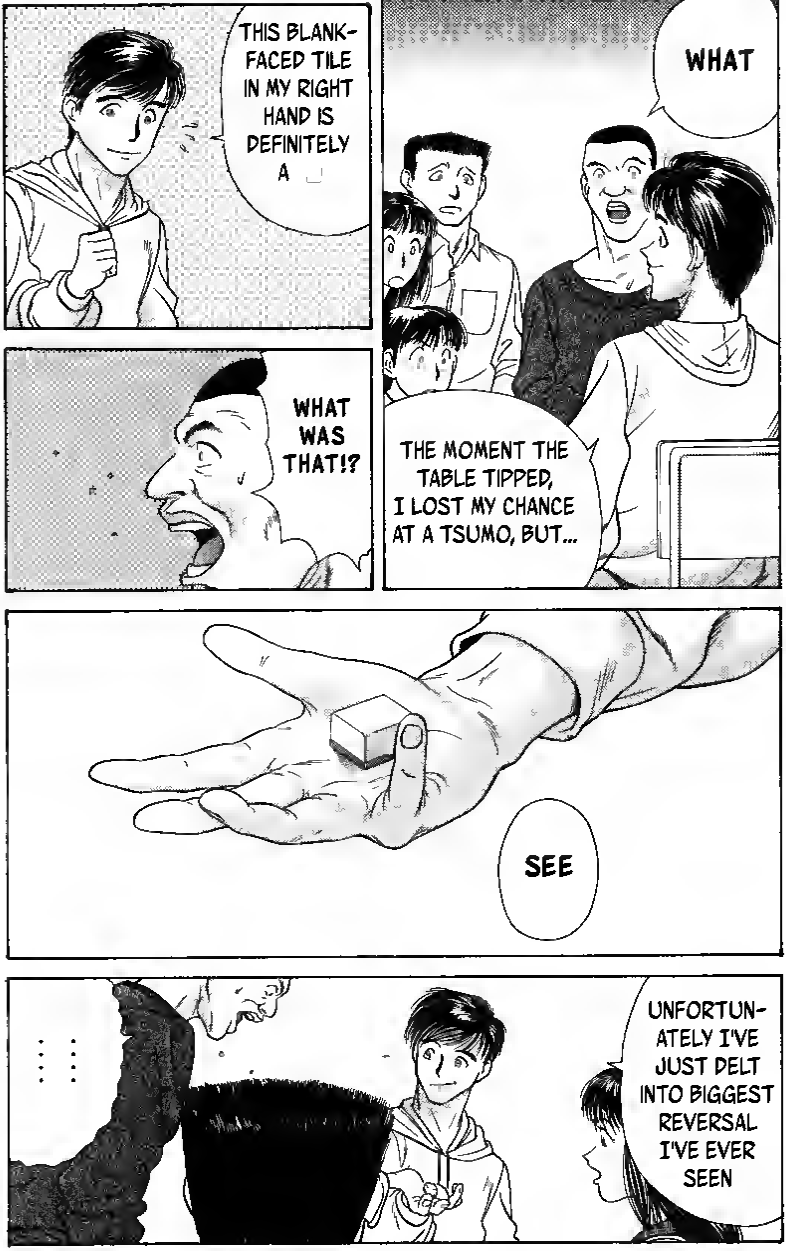
WHA-
KO... KOKUSHI MUSOU WITH A 13-SIDE WAIT...
DOUBLE YAKUMAN

UGH...
IT'S A SHOWDOWN WITH HASEGAWA-KUN
UH ...

カーン
AH
がっしゃあ

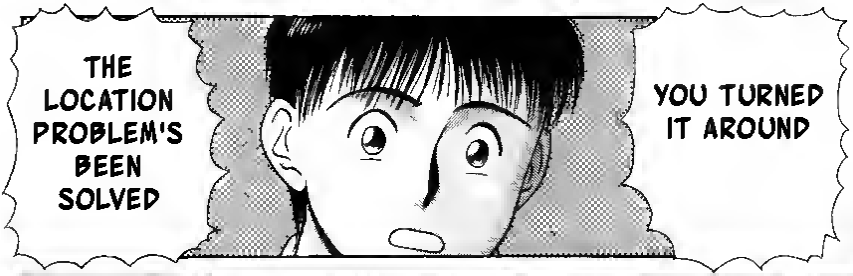
OH NO, ONIICHAN
WH- WHAT THE HELL
がらがらどしゃ
SORRY
たたたっ
SORRY, THE BALL GOT AWAY FROM ME...
ARE YOU OKAY ?

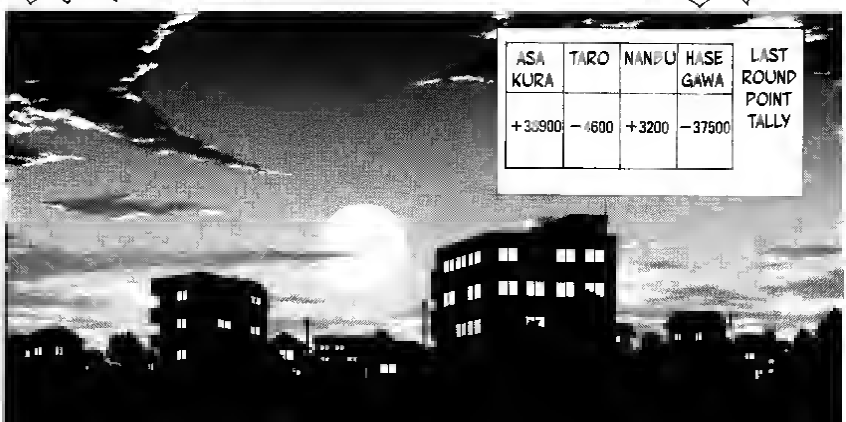
THE HELL?
WELL, WHO COULDA SEEN THAT COMING... GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO START THE SOUTH ROUND OVER AGAIN
UH... M- MY KOKUSHI ...
WELL WHAT ABOUT THE DOUBLE RIICHI OVER HERE?
HEY, WHAT ABOUT THAT 13-SIDE WAIT KOKUSHI?
HASEGAWA WAS GETTIN' READY TO TSUMO AN' YOU KNOW IT
HOLD ON, CAPTAIN, THAT'S NOT QUITE...
ASAKURA'S 13-SIDE WAIT WAS A SURE THING!
KURA
KURA
ASAKURA

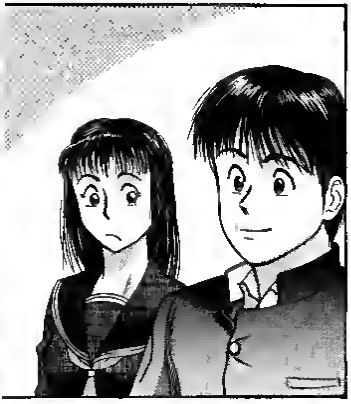

THIS BLANK-FACED TILE IN MY RIGHT HAND IS DEFINITELY A □
WHAT
THE MOMENT THE TABLE TIPPED, I LOST MY CHANCE AT A TSUMO, BUT...
WHAT WAS THAT!?
SEE
UNFORTUN-ATELY I'VE JUST DELT INTO BIGGEST REVERSAL I'VE EVER SEEN
. . . .

ALL RIGHT, ASAKURA WON IT

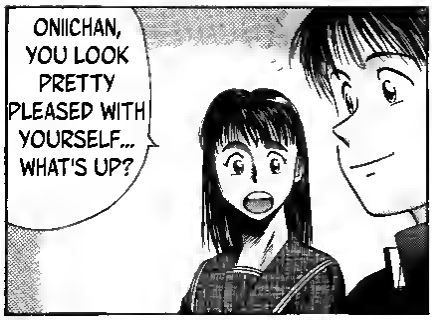
Y... YOU'RE REALLY HONEST TO A FAULT... IF YOU KEPT QUIET, NO ONE WOULDA KNOWN...
I'M SORRY


THE LOCATION PROBLEM'S BEEN SOLVED
YOU TURNED IT AROUND


ASA KURA
TARO
NANDU
HASE GAWA
LAST ROUND POINT TALLY
+30900
−4600
+3200
−37500



AHH, GOTCHA, IT'S THAT KOKUSHI AFTER GLOW, ISN'T IT?
DO I!?


ONIICHAN, YOU LOOK PRETTY PLEASED WITH YOURSELF... WHAT'S UP?

LIKE HONESTY

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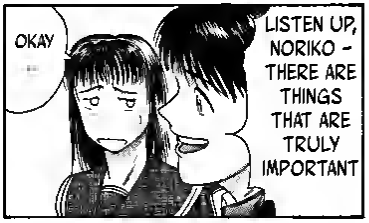
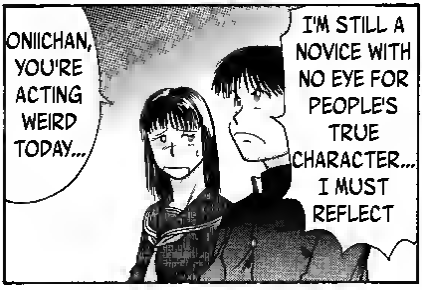
HAHAHA, KOKUSHI ISN'T NECESSARY TO HUMANITY


OKAY
LISTEN UP, NORIKO - THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE TRULY IMPORTANT


ONIICHAN, YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD TODAY...
I'M STILL A NOVICE WITH NO EYE FOR PEOPLE'S TRUE CHARACTER... I MUST REFLECT

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AT ANY RATE, AS A BIG BROTHER I'VE REALIZED YOU'RE A SISTER I CAN BE TRULY PROUD OF

ASAKURA PLANS TO ABSORB HIMSELF COMPLETELY IN MAHJONG WHILE EAGERLY AWAITING THE DAY HE CAN PLAY AGAINST HASEGAWA AGAIN
NEXT TIME, FOR SURE I'LL MANAGE A FLAWLESS YAKUMAN!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT, ONIICHAN...

2ND ROUND, END